Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA

Bad Homburg v.d.H.

2014

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Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014

Assets

	Note	Dec 31, 2014		Dec 31, 2013	
		kEUR	kEUR	kEUR	kEUR
A. Fixed Assets	(3)				
I. Intangible assets			1,221		924
II. Tangible assets			57,071		59,339
III. Financial assets			8,372,800		5,387,728
			8,431,092		5,447,991
B. Current assets					
I. Accounts receivable and other assets	(4)				
1. Trade accounts receivable		0		6	0
2. Accounts receivable from related parties		2,502,337		4,398,762	
3. Other assets		62,669	2,565,006	44,230	4,442,998
II. Cash and cash equivalents	(5)		281,361		59,511
			2,846,367		4,502,509
C. Deferred expense	(6)		41,441		1,442
			11,318,900		9,951,942

Liabilities and shareholders' equity

	Note	Dec 31, 2014		Dec 31, 2013	
		kEUR	kEUR	kEUR	kEUR
A. Shareholders' equity					
I. Subscribed capital	(7,8,9, 10, 11)				
Ordinary shares			541,533		179,695
II. Capital reserves	(12)		2,694,955		3,012,026
III. Other reserves	(13)		2,002,395		1,763,395
IV. Retained earnings	(14)		239,216		224,650
			5,478,099		5,179,766
B. Special reserve for investment government grants	(15)		9		11
C. Accruals	(16)				
1. Pensions and similar obligations			44,827		40,228
2. Accruals for income taxes			68,753		48,445
3. Other accruals			25,110		25,860
			138,690		114,533
D. Liabilities	(17)				
1. Convertible bonds			500,044		115
2. Bank loans			1,070,476		2,707,306
3. Trade accounts payable			2,258		6,218
4. Accounts payable to related parties			4,067,504		1,930,018
5. Other liabilities			61,820		13,975
			5,702,102		4,657,632
			11,318,900		9,951,942

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Profit and Loss Statement
January 1 to December 31, 2014

		Note	2014	2013
			kEUR	kEUR
1.	Income from participations	(20)	631,295	577,169
2.	Other operating income	(21)	213,044	180,073
3.	Personnel expenses	(22)	-31,584	-28,197
4.	Depreciation and amortization on intangible assets and on property, plant and equipment	(23)	-4,407	-4,288
5.	Other operating expenses	(24)	-204,177	-171,379
6.	Net interest	(26)	-62,620	-21,219
7.	Write-offs of financial assets and marketable securities	(27)	-742	-71,632
8.	Profit from ordinary activities		540,809	460,527
9.	Income taxes	(28)	-62,142	-27,835
10.	Other taxes		-482	-171
11.	Net income		478,185	432,521
12.	Retained earnings brought forward		31	29
13.	Increase of other reserves		-239,000	-207,900
14.	Retained earnings		239,216	224,650

Notes Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA

(1) Structure

The Fresenius Group is as of December 31, 2014, divided into four legally independent business segments:

- Fresenius Medical Care
- Fresenius Kabi
- Fresenius Helios
- Fresenius Vamed

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA owns the stakes in the management companies and functions as an operating holding.

The reporting currency of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA is the euro. In order to make the presentation clearer, amounts are shown in € thousand. Amounts under €1,000.00 after rounding are marked with „-“.

The list of investments of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, registered in Bad Homburg v.d.H., will be shown in the enclosure to the Notes.

(2) Accounting principles and standards of valuation

Acquired **intangible assets** are valued at purchase cost less regular amortization. The useful life is normally between 2 and 5 years, for personal computer auxiliary programs the useful life is 2 years, and for know-how up to 5 years.

The value of **investments in property, plant and equipment** is stated at the cost of the assets less regular linear depreciation.

The following useful lives were used for calculating depreciation:

Office and factory buildings	10 - 40 years
Technical equipment and machinery	5 - 10 years
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment	3 - 10 years.

Assets with purchase cost of up to €150.00 are fully written off in the year of addition.

Depreciable movable non-current assets with a value of more than €150.00 and less than €1,000.00 are grouped into a collective item which is dissolved through profit and loss by one fifth in the year of capitalization and the following four years each.

Extraordinary depreciation is carried out, provided that the carrying book value is other than temporarily impaired.

Financial assets are valued at purchase price or, if the asset is other than temporarily impaired the lower market value.

The lower value of non-current assets resulting from write-downs to fair value has to be reversed if the reasons for the extraordinary write-down no longer apply (Section 253 (5) HGB).

Accounts receivable and other assets are stated at nominal value reduced by individual allowance if necessary.

No **deferred tax** is to be recognized for temporary differences in valuations in the tax and financial reporting balance sheets as long as the net difference would result in an asset.

The **subscribed capital** is carried at its nominal amount.

The **special reserve with equity portion** that was built according to Section 247 (3) HGB in previous years can be retained according to the option in Art. 67 (3) sentence 1 EGHGB.

The **pension obligation** is determined according to actuarial principles on the basis of biometric probabilities as in the reference tables by Dr. Klaus Heubeck 2005 (RT 2005 G) using the Projected Unit Credit-Method. Future expected remuneration and pension increases are taken into account in calculating the obligation. Remuneration is currently adjusted depending on age by between 3% and 4% and pensions by 1.75%. The company specific fluctuation rate that is also taken into consideration for the calculation has been between 0% and 18%. The actuarial interest rate applicable to the pension obligation was 4.53%. This interest rate is based on the last-seven-year-average discount rate for an estimated remaining life of 15 years as determined and published by the German Federal Bank (Deutsche Bundesbank).

Pursuant to Section 253 (1) sentence 3 HGB (security-based pension obligations), the value of the provisions for the employee financed life work time account (Demografiefonds) is based on the performance of the asset value of the corresponding plan reinsurance.

The asset values used to offset the provisions are calculated at their fair values.

Tax accruals and other accruals are accounted for recognizable risks and uncertain liabilities at the amounts to be paid and calculated on the basis of a reasonable commercial assessment. Long term accruals are accounted for taking into account future price and cost increases and are discounted with the last-seven-year-average discount rate that corresponds to the remaining life of the accrual.

Liabilities are valued at their settlement amounts.

Foreign currency items are translated with the foreign exchange rate at the time of origin or the hedging rate for hedging transactions.

Assets and liabilities with a remaining life of up to a year and carried at foreign currencies are translated at the average closing spot rate according to section 256a HGB.

Assets and liabilities with a remaining expected life of over one year and carried at foreign currencies are translated at inception at the foreign currency exchange rate, while at the balance sheet date the lowest closing spot rate is used for translating assets and the highest closing spot rate is used for translating liabilities. If the conditions to apply hedge accounting are met, the hedging financial instruments and the underlying transactions are combined in a hedge and valued either using the 'Durchbuchungsmethode' or the 'Einfrierungsmethode'. In the first case changes in value are recognized in the income statement. In the second case the transaction is recognized at inception only and changes in value resulting from the hedged risk are not subsequently recorded in the balance sheet or statement of income.

Gains and losses from translation to euro of items carried at foreign currencies are recognized in the statement of income under "Other operating income" or "Other operating expenses".

Derivative financial instruments are contracted for hedging purposes only. Both interest rate and foreign currency derivatives are contracted for hedging.

Besides hedging instruments for Cashpool balances and loans in foreign currencies that Group Companies have borrowed from Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA or that Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has borrowed from Group Companies or banks, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA acquires hedging instruments from banks, that are mirrored by agreements between Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and its affiliated companies at nearly the same conditions. The affiliated companies use these agreements to hedge their operating businesses against foreign currency risks.

Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value at balance sheet date. According to German Commercial Law accounting principles and standards of valuation any remeasurement losses are recognized in earnings while remeasurement gains are not taken into account. When the conditions for hedge accounting are met, the underlying asset and the hedging instrument are considered together so that effects of the hedge are only recognized in earnings when the underlying transaction takes place ('Einfrierungsmethode').

Income and expense from profit transfer agreements is recorded in the same reporting period in which it arises given that earnings from affiliated companies are precise enough at the time of preparing the financial statements and is assured according to reasonable commercial assessment.

Income from affiliates is recorded at the date when the distribution of earnings is decided.

Notes on balance sheet

(3) Fixed assets

The following is a breakdown of fixed assets and their development:

	Acquisition and manufacturing costs			
	As of Jan. 01, 2014	Additions	Disposals	As of Dec. 31, 2014
€ in thousands				
Intangible Assets				
Concessions, industrial and similar rights and assets as well as licenses acquired for consideration	1,733	575	0	2,308
	1,733	575	0	2,308
Tangible Assets				
Land, leasehold and buildings including buildings on third party property	112,932	618	411	113,139
Plant and machinery	620	0	0	620
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment	12,708	1,292	437	13,563
Payments on account and tangible assets in course of construction	331	32	2	361
	126,591	1,942	850	127,683
Financial assets				
Shares in related parties	4,412,214	3,017,430	25,550	7,404,094
Loans to related parties	949,913	2,918	0	952,831
Security investments	49,526	0	49,526	0
	5,411,653	3,020,348	75,076	8,356,925

€ *in thousands*	Write-ups / Depreciation: Cumulated depreciation as of Jan. 01, 2014	Additions (depreciation)	Write-ups	Disposals (depreciation)	Cumulated depreciation as of Dec. 31, 2014	Carrying amount: Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Intangible Assets							
Concessions, industrial and similar rights and assets as well as licenses acquired for consideration	809	278	0	0	1,087	1,221	924
	809	278	0	0	1,087	1,221	924
Tangible Assets							
Land, leasehold and buildings including buildings on third party property	57,832	2,779	0	331	60,280	52,859	55,100
Plant and machinery	411	41	0	0	451	169	209
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment	9,009	1,309	0	437	9,881	3,682	3,699
Payments on account and tangible assets in course of construction	0	0	0	0	0	361	331
	67,252	4,129	0	768	70,612	57,071	59,339
Financial assets							
Shares in related parties	15,908	742	0	16,463	187	7,403,907	4,396,306
Loans to related parties	8,017	0	-24,079	0	-16,062	968,893	941,896
Security investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	49,526
	23,925	742	-24,079	16,463	-15,875	8,372,800	5,387,728
Fixed assets Assets	91,986	5,149	-24,079	17,231	55,824	8,431,092	5,447,991

Financial assets

As of December 31, 2014, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA owns stakes in the following domestic management companies for business segments:

- Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA, Hof an der Saale
- Fresenius Kabi AG, Bad Homburg v.d.H.
- Fresenius ProServe GmbH, Bad Homburg v.d.H.

The percentage of Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA´s (“FMC-AG & Co. KGaA”) subscribed capital held by Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA at the end of fiscal year 2014 was 31.09% (previous year 31.31%). Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA continued to hold 100% of the management companies of the business segments Fresenius Kabi (Fresenius Kabi AG) as well as Fresenius Helios and Fresenius Vamed (both held through Fresenius ProServe GmbH) on December 31, 2014. Through Fresenius ProServe GmbH, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA holds 100% in HELIOS Kliniken GmbH and a 77% stake in VAMED AG.

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA holds all of the stakes of the following domestic property management and service companies as well as foreign finance companies:

- Fresenius Biotech Beteiligungs GmbH
- Fresenius Immobilien-Verwaltungs-GmbH
- Fresenius Immobilien-Verwaltungs-GmbH & Co. Objekt Schweinfurt KG
- Fresenius Immobilien-Verwaltungs-GmbH & Co. Objekt St. Wendel KG
- Fresenius Immobilien-Verwaltungs-GmbH & Co. Objekt Friedberg KG
- Hygieneplan GmbH
- Fresenius Versicherungsvermittlungs GmbH
- Fresenius Medical Care Management AG
- Fresenius Finance B.V.
- Fresenius Finance II B.V.
- Fresenius US Finance I, Inc.
- Fresenius US Finance II, Inc.
- Fresenius Konzernfinanzierung Erste GmbH
- Fresenius Konzernfinanzierung Zweite GmbH

All of the subscribed capital of Fresenius Netcare GmbH is indirectly held via Fresenius Versicherungsvermittlungs GmbH.

In June 2014, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA sold its stake of GIF (Luxembourg) Société d’Investissement à Capital Variable-SIF.

In Mai 2014 Fresenius SE &Co. KGaA acquired a 100% participation in Fresenius Konzernfinanzierung Erste GmbH and in Fresenius Konzernfinanzierung Zweite GmbH.

In Mai 2014 Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA sold shares of Rhön- Klinikum AG with a book value of €49.5 million to Fresenius ProServe GmbH. The shares of Rhön- Klinikum AG are carried as fixed asset securities in the balance sheet.

In December 2014 the inactive company Fresenius Finance I S.A. was liquidated.

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA increased the capital reserve of Fresenius ProServe GmbH by contributing intercompany loans of €3,010 million in connection with the acquisition of hospitals of Rhön- Klinikum AG. Futhermore, it paid €5,4 million and €1,8 million in the capital reserves of Fresenius US Finance II Inc. and Fresenius US Finance II BV, respectively.

Loans to related parties include mainly US-Dollar loans to American affiliated companies. Some of these loans are hedged against exchange rate fluctuations and bound in a hedging relationship. According to the “Durchbuchungsmethode” €24.1 million foreign exchange gains have been recognized as of December 31, 2014. This effect is shown as a write-up in the statement of changes in fixed assets”. In the profit and loss statement, losses from the hedging instruments in the same amount offset the foreign exchange gains.

(4) Accounts receivable and other assets

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
€ in thousands		
Trade accounts receivable	0	6
(amount with a remaining term of more than one year)	(0)	(-)
Accounts receivable from related parties	2,502,337	4,398,762
(amount with a remaining term of more than one year)	(22,144)	(24,786)
Other assets	62,669	44,230
(amount with a remaining term of more than one year)	(-)	(-)
	2,565,006	4,442,998

Accounts receivables from related parties consist of loans and finance-related accounts of €2,502,001 thousand (previous year €4,398,460 thousand) as well as trade accounts receivables of €336 thousand (previous year €302 thousand). The decrease of accounts receivable from related parties is mainly a result of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA having issued loans to several companies in the Fresenius Group in 2013. These loans were used to finance advances of €2,178 million made under a fiduciary arrangement for the acquisition of hospitals and outpatient facilities of Rhön-Klinikum AG. In the fiscal year 2014 these and other loans of €3,010 million that had also been granted in connection with the acquisition of hospitals of Rhön- Klinikum AG were transferred to the capital reserve of Fresenius ProServe GmbH.

Other assets mainly contain claims for tax credits, which relate to the tax calculation for the years 2006 to 2013 (€14,535 thousand), as well as social security related receivables of €4 thousand (previous year €1 thousand).

(5) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and cash at banks of €281,361 thousand (previous year €59,511 thousand).

(6) Deferred expense

The deferred expenses of €41,441 thousand (previous year €1,442 thousand) mainly consist of a discount with a net book value of €39,727 thousand arising from the placement of a convertible bond in March 2014. This placement resulted in a discount of €46 million that is shown in deferred expenses and is depreciated linearly over the lifetime of the convertible bond.

Furthermore it includes the prepayment of the Directors&Officers-Insurance (D&O-Insurance).

(7) Subscribed capital

On May 16, 2014, the Annual General Meeting of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has resolved a capital increase from company's funds with issuance of new shares. For each existing non-par value share, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA issued two new non-par value shares without additional payment to the shareholders. Accordingly, upon execution of the capital increase, both the subscribed capital of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and the number of shares issued tripled (stock split 1:3).

After registration of the capital increase with the commercial register on August 1, 2014, the subscribed capital increased to €540,511,632 (including newly created shares due to options exercised until this date). The new shares have full dividend entitlement for the fiscal year 2014. The proportionate amount of the subscribed capital will continue to be €1.00 per share.

During the fiscal year 2014, 2,448,113 stock options after the stock split were exercised. Consequently, as of December 31, 2014, the subscribed capital of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA consisted of 541,532,600 bearer ordinary shares. The shares are issued as non-par value shares. The proportionate amount of the subscribed capital is €1.00 per share.

The subscribed capital developed as follows:

	2014	2013
€ in thousands		
As of January 1	179,695	178,188
Increase due to exercise of stock options before the stock split	476	1,507
Capital increase from company funds with issuance of new shares (Stock split)	360,341	0
Increase due to exercise of stock options after the stock split	1,021	0
As of December 31	541,533	179,695

(8) Own shares

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA purchased own ordinary shares during the year for distribution to employees entitled to the profit-sharing program.

The basis for distributing the shares is an agreement negotiated between the Works Council and the Management Board in February 2012. The agreement awards €2,134.25 of profit-sharing to each full-time employee for 2013 as well as the employer contribution for social security payments. Half of the profit-sharing payment was settled in shares and half in cash which covers the tax and social contributions. The price determination to determine the numbers allocated shares in the profit-sharing program was made on June 6, 2014.

To be eligible for the program, employees must have had three years of continuous employment at Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA on December 31, 2013, its direct affiliated companies or affiliated companies of Fresenius Kabi and certain other affiliated companies as identified in the Works Council agreement. At that time, eligible employees must have not been under notice or in an executive position, as defined by Fresenius. Intercompany transfers are counted in full.

The following ordinary shares were purchased and distributed or re-sold as part of the Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA profit-sharing program for 2013.

	Date	Number	Price in € per share
Transactions before the stock split			
Purchase	May 30, 2014	20,000	109.43
Disbursement	June 6, 2014	19,653	93.15
Transactions after the stock split			
Sale	August 9, 2014	762	37.26
Disbursement	August 13, 2014	279	31.05

Purchased shares with a nominal value of €60,000.00 and committed shares with a nominal value of €19,653.00 represented 0.0111% and 0.0037% of the subscribed capital, respectively.

The proceeds from the sale on August 9, 2014 have increased corporate funding.

As of December 31, 2014, no own shares were held.

(9) Notification by shareholders

The following table shows the notifications disclosed in 2014 in accordance with Section 26 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). In cases where holdings reached, exceeded or fell below the thresholds on several occasions, only the most recent notification is mentioned.

Notifying party	Date of reaching, exceeding or falling below	Reporting threshold	Attribution pursuant to WpHG	Percentage of voting rights	Number of voting rights
The Capital Group Companies, Inc. Los Angeles, United States[1]	March 6, 2014	Falling below 3%	section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with section 22 (1) sentence 2 and 3	2.92	5,254,430
Commerzbank AG Frankfurt am Main, Germany	May 26, 2014	Falling below 5%		2.53	4,542,462
			thereof pursuant to sections 21, 22	0.05	95,862
			thereof pursuant to section 25	0.00	0
			thereof pursuant to section 25a	2.47	4,446,600
BlackRock Advisors Holdings, Inc. New York, United States	September 25, 2014		section 21 (1)	3.44	18,615,308
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 1	1.49	8,053,557
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 2 in connection with sentence 2	0.02	87,267
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2	1.68	9,088,675
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 1 and pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2	0.26	1,385,809
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. New York, United States	September 25, 2014		section 21 (1)	3.44	18,615,308
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 1	1.49	8,053,557
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 2 in connection with sentence 2	0.02	87,267
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2	1.68	9,088,675
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 1 and pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2	0.26	1,385,809
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands	September 25, 2014		section 21 (1)	3.44	18,615,308
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 1	1.49	8,053,557
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 2 in connection with sentence 2	0.02	87,267
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2	1.68	9,088,675
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 1 and pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2	0.26	1,385,809
BlackRock, Inc. New York, NY, United States	November 28, 2014	Falling below 5%		0.00	0
			pursuant to sections 21, 22	5.95	32,197,886
			pursuant to section 25	0.00	0
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. Wilmington, DE, United States	November 28, 2014	Falling below 5%		0.00	0
			pursuant to sections 21, 22	5.85	31,669,646
			pursuant to section 25	0.00	0
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. New York, NY, United States	November 28, 2014	Falling below 5%		0.00	0
			pursuant to sections 21, 22	5.44	29,476,463
			pursuant to section 25	0.00	0
BlackRock Group Limited London, Great Britain[2]	December 11, 2014	Falling below 3%	section 21 (1)	2.9997	16,242,207
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 1	1.15	6,231,342
			thereof pursuant to section 22 (1) sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2	2.16	11,691,115

The voting rights of the individual BlackRock companies are attributed to the controlling company BlackRock, Inc.
[1]Attribution of voting rights via Capital Research and Management Company
[2]The total amount stated does not necessarily equal the sum of the detailed attributed holdings. This results from voting rights having multiple attributions within the BlackRock group structure

The Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung as major shareholder informed Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA on December 16, 2014, that it holds 144.695.094 ordinary shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA representing 26.72% of the subscribed capital on December 31, 2014.

All WpHG-notifications by shareholders are published on the website of the Company www.fresenius.com under Investor Relations – Fresenius Share / ADR – Shareholder Structure.

(10) Authorized capital

In connection with the stock split 1:3, by resolution of the Annual General Meeting on May 16, 2014, the previous Authorized Capital I was revoked and a new Authorized Capital I with a proportionally adjusted amount and a five-year term was created.

In accordance with the new provision in the articles of association of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, the general partner, Fresenius Management SE, is authorized, with the approval of the Supervisory Board, until May 15, 2019, to increase Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA's subscribed capital by a total amount of up to €120,960,000 through a single or multiple issues of new bearer ordinary shares against cash contributions and / or contributions in kind (Authorized Capital I).

The number of shares must increase in the same proportion as the subscribed capital. A subscription right must be granted to the shareholders in principle. In defined cases, the general partner is authorized, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to decide on the exclusion of the shareholders' subscription right (e.g. to eliminate fractional amounts). For cash contributions, the authorization can only be exercised if the issue price is not significantly below the stock exchange price of the already listed shares at the time the issue price is fixed with final effect by the general partner. Furthermore, in case of a capital increase against cash contributions, the proportionate amount of the shares issued with exclusion of subscription rights may not exceed 10% of the subscribed capital. An exclusion of subscription rights in the context of the use of other authorizations concerning the issuance or the sale of the shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA or the issuance of rights which authorize or bind to the subscription of shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has to be taken into consideration during the duration of the Authorized Capital until its utilization. In the case of a subscription in kind, the subscription right can be excluded only in order to acquire a company, parts of a company or a participation in a company.

The authorizations granted concerning the exclusion of subscription rights can be used by Fresenius Management SE only to such extent that the proportional amount of the total number of shares issued with exclusion of the subscription rights does not exceed 20% of the subscribed capital. An exclusion of subscription rights in the context of the use of other authorizations concerning the issuance or the sale of the shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA or the issuance of rights which authorize or bind to the subscription of shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has to be taken into consideration during the duration of the Authorized Capital until its utilization.

The changes to the Authorized Capital I became effective upon registration with the commercial register on August 1, 2014. The Authorized Capital I developed as follows:

	2014	2013
€ in thousands		
As of January 1	40,320	26,520
Revocation of previous Authorized Capital I due to resolution of the Annual General Meeting	-40,320	-26,520
Creation of a new Authorized Capital I due to resolution of the Annual General Meeting	120,960	40,320
As of December 31	120,960	40,320

(11) Conditional Capital

Stock option plans

The following Conditional Capitals exist in order to fulfill the subscription rights under the stock option plans of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA: Conditional Capital I (Stock Option Plan 2003), Conditional Capital II (Stock Option Plan 2008) and Conditional Capital IV (Stock Option Plan 2013).

Due to the stock split 1:3, Conditional Capitals I, II and IV increased, by operation of law, in the same proportion as the subscribed capital. After registration with the commercial register on August 1, 2014, the Conditional Capital I amounted to €6,014,670, the Conditional Capital II to €11,680,542 and the Conditional Capital IV to €25,200,000.

Option bearer bonds and convertible bonds

The previous authorization to issue option bearer bonds and / or convertible bonds (Conditional Capital III) dated May 11, 2012 was revoked by resolution of the Annual General Meeting of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA on May 16, 2014. In line with the stock split 1:3, the same Annual General Meeting approved a new Conditional Capital III with a proportionally adjusted amount and a five-year term. The new Conditional Capital III became effective upon registration with the commercial register on August 1, 2014.

Accordingly, the general partner is authorized, with the approval of the Supervisory Board, until May 15, 2019, to issue option bearer bonds and/or convertible bearer bonds, once or several times, for a total nominal amount of up to €2.5 billion. To fulfill the granted subscription rights, the subscribed capital of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA is increased conditionally by up to €48,971,202 through issuing of up to 48,971,202 new bearer ordinary shares. The conditional capital increase shall only be implemented to the extent that the holders of cash issued convertible bonds or of cash issued warrants from option bonds exercise their conversion or option rights and as long as no other forms of settlement are used. The new bearer ordinary shares shall participate in the profits from the start of the fiscal year in which they are issued.

After registration with the commercial register on August 1, 2014, the Conditional Capital III amounted to €48,971,202 (March 31, 2014: €16,323,734).

The Conditional Capital I for the Fresenius AG Stock Option Plan 2003 developed as follows:

in €	Ordinary shares
As of January 1, 2014	2,111,517
Decrease due to exercise of stock options	-106,627
Value as of July 31, 2014	2,004,890
Value as of August 1, 2014 after registration of the stock split	6,014,670
Decrease due to exercise of stock options after the stock split	-241,614
As of December 31, 2014	5,773,056

The Conditional Capital II for the Fresenius SE Stock Option Plan 2008 developed as follows:

in €	Ordinary shares
As of January 1, 2014	4,262,602
Decrease due to exercise of stock options	-369,088
Value as of July 31, 2014	3,893,514
Value as of August 1, 2014 after registration of the stock split	11,680,542
Decrease due to exercise of stock options after the stock split	-779,354
As of December 31, 2014	10,901,188

The Conditional Capital III, approved May 11, 2012, developed as follows:

in €	Ordinary shares
As of January 1, 2014	16,323,734
Value as of August 1, 2014 after registration of the stock split	48,971,202
As of December 31, 2014	48,971,202

The Conditional Capital IV for the Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA Stock Option Plan 2013 developed as follows:

	Ordinary shares
in €	
As of January 1, 2014	8,400,000
Value as of August 1, 2014 after registration of the stock split	25,200,000
As of December 31, 2014	25,200,000

Description of the Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA stock option plans in place

As of December 31, 2014, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA had three stock option plans in place: the Fresenius AG Stock Option Plan 2003 (2003 Plan) which is based on convertible bonds, the stock option based Fresenius SE Stock Option Plan 2008 (2008 Plan) and the Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA Long Term Incentive Program 2013 (2013 LTIP) which is based on stock options and phantom stocks. In 2014, stock options were solely granted under the 2013 LTIP.

2013 LTIP

The 2013 LTIP comprises the Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA Stock Option Plan 2013 (2013 SOP) and the Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA Phantom Stock Plan 2013 (2013 PSP). It combines the granting of stock options with the granting of phantom stock awards which entitle the holder to receive cash payments upon exercising the phantom stock. Each of the 2013 SOP and 2013 PSP making up the 2013 LTIP have been established under a stand-alone legal documentation.

2013 SOP

Under the 2013 SOP, which was approved by the Annual General Meeting of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA on May 17, 2013, Fresenius Management SE is authorized to issue up to 8.4 million subscription rights for an amount of 8.4 million non-par value ordinary bearer shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA until May 16, 2018.

Of the up to 8.4 million options, up to 1.6 million options are designated for members of the Management Board of Fresenius Management SE; up to 4.4 million options are designated for members of the management of directly or indirectly affiliated companies (except for Fresenius Medical Care) and up to 2.4 million options are designated for executive employees of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and its affiliated companies (except for Fresenius Medical Care).

The granting of the options shall occur in five annual tranches, each to the last Monday in July or the first Monday in December. With respect to new options, the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE determines the stock options granted to members of Fresenius Management SE's Management Board, whereas the Management Board of Fresenius Management SE determines the other participants in the 2013 SOP and the stock options granted to them.

The exercise price of an option shall equal the volume-weighted average stock market price (closing price) of the non-par value ordinary bearer share of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA in the electronic Xetra trading of Deutsche Börse AG in Frankfurt am Main, or a comparable successor system, on the last 30 calendar days prior to the respective grant date.

Options granted have an eight-year term but can be exercised only after a four-year vesting period. The exercise of options is subject to the condition precedent, in each case, that the annual success target within a four-year waiting period is achieved. The success target is achieved in each case if, after the granting of the options to the respective entitled person, either (i) the consolidated net income attributable to shareholders of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA according to U.S. GAAP, adjusted for extraordinary effects and on a constant currency basis, has increased by at least 8% per annum in comparison to the previous year in each case within the waiting period, or (ii) – if this is not the case – the compounded annual growth rate of the consolidated net income attributable to shareholders of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA according to U.S. GAAP, adjusted for extraordinary effects and on a constant currency basis, during the four years of the waiting period amounts to at least 8%. In the event that the success target within the four-year waiting period is not achieved for the individual years or for the compounded annual growth rate, the options issued in each case are forfeited in proportion to the non-achievement of the success target within the waiting period, i.e. by one quarter, two quarters, three quarters, or completely. The performance targets for 2013 and 2014 were met.

The adjusted net income attributable to shareholders of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA according to U.S. GAAP (currency adjusted) and changes thereto compared to the adjusted net income according to U.S. GAAP (without currency adjustment) of the relevant comparison year shall be verified with binding effect in each case by the auditors of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA on the basis of the audited consolidated financial statements. Upon exercise of vested options, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has the right to grant treasury shares in lieu of increasing capital by the issuance of new shares.

After the expiration of the waiting period, all options in respect of which the success target has been achieved may be exercised at any time outside the designated black-out periods.

2013 PSP

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA's 2013 PSP was established in May 2013, together with the 2013 SOP. Awards of phantom stock can be granted on each stock option grant date. Phantom stock awarded under the 2013 PSP may be granted to the members of Fresenius Management SE's Management Board, the members of the management of directly or indirectly affiliated companies (except for Fresenius Medical Care) and for executive employees of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and its affiliated companies (except for Fresenius Medical Care).

As under the 2013 SOP, the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE determines the phantom stock granted to members of Fresenius Management SE's Management Board, whereas the Management Board of Fresenius Management SE determines the other participants in the 2013 PSP and the phantom stock granted to them.

Phantom stock awards under the 2013 PSP entitle the holder to receive a cash payment. Each phantom stock award shall entitle the holder to receive the volume-weighted average stock market price (closing price) of the non-par value ordinary bearer share of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA in the electronic Xetra trading of Deutsche Börse AG in Frankfurt am Main, or a comparable successor system, during the last three months prior to the date the phantom stock is exercised.

The exercise of phantom stock is subject to the condition precedent, in each case, that the annual success target within a four-year waiting period is achieved. The success target is achieved in each case if, after the granting of the subscription rights to the respective entitled person, either (i) the consolidated net income attributable to shareholders of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA according to U.S. GAAP, adjusted for extraordinary effects and on a constant currency basis, has increased by at least 8% per annum in comparison to the previous year in each case within the waiting period, or (ii) – if this is not the case – the compounded annual growth rate of the consolidated net income attributable to shareholders of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA according to U.S. GAAP, adjusted for extraordinary effects and on a constant currency basis, during the four years of the waiting period amounts to at least 8%. In the event that the success target within the four-year waiting period is not achieved for the individual years or for the compounded annual growth rate, the phantom stock awards issued in each case are forfeited in proportion to the non-achievement of the success target within the waiting-period, i.e. by one quarter, two quarters, three quarters, or completely. The performance targets for 2013 and 2014 were met.

The adjusted net income attributable to shareholders of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA according to U.S. GAAP (currency adjusted) and changes thereto compared to the adjusted net income according to U.S. GAAP (without currency adjustment) of the relevant comparison year shall be verified with binding effect in each case by the auditors of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA on the basis of the audited consolidated financial statements.

After the expiration of the waiting period, all exercisable phantom stock will be deemed to be exercised and cashed out on March 1 following the end of the waiting period (or the following banking day).

Stock Option Plan 2008

During 2008, Fresenius SE adopted the 2008 Plan to grant subscription rights to members of the Management Board and executive employees of the Company and affiliated companies. Under the 2008 Plan, up to 6.2 million options could be issued, which carried the entitlement to exclusively obtain 6.2 million ordinary shares. The options granted have a seven-year term but can be exercised only after a three-year vesting period. The vesting of options granted is mandatorily subject to the condition, in each case, that the annual success target within the three-year vesting period is achieved. For each such year, the success target is achieved if the consolidated net income attributable to shareholders of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, adjusted for extraordinary effects, has increased by at least 8% compared to the respective adjusted net income attributable to shareholders of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA of the previous fiscal year. For each year in which the success target has not been met, one third of the options granted shall forfeit. The adjusted net income attributable to shareholders of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA shall be calculated on the basis of the calculation method of the accounting principles according to U.S. GAAP. For the purposes of the 2008 Plan, the adjusted net income attributable to shareholders of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA is determined and will be verified with binding effect by Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA's auditor during the audit of the consolidated financial statements. The performance targets were met in all years. If all conditions are fulfilled, stock options may be exercised throughout the year with the exception of certain pre-determined black-out periods.

This stock incentive plan was replaced by the 2013 SOP. The last options were granted in 2012.

Stock Option Plan 2003

During 2003, Fresenius AG adopted the 2003 Plan for members of the Management Board and executive employees. This incentive plan which is based on convertible bonds was replaced by the 2008 Plan and no convertible bonds have been granted since 2008. Under the 2003 Plan, eligible employees have the right to acquire ordinary shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. The bonds expire in 10 years and one third of them can be exercised beginning after two, three and four years after the grant date, respectively. Upon issuance of the option, the employees had the right to choose options with or without a stock price target. In the case of options not subject to a stock price target, the number of convertible bonds awarded to the eligible employee was 15% less than if the employee elected options subject to the stock price target.

Changes of the stock option plans due to the capital increase from company's funds (stock split 2014 at a ratio of 1:3)

Compared to the existing conditions described, the following material changes to the stock option plans result from the stock split 2014 at a ratio of 1:3 coming into effect:

2013 SOP

As far as options have not yet been granted under the 2013 SOP, the total volume of not yet granted subscription rights increases in the same proportion as the subscribed capital (factor 3). The same applies to the subsets of the subscription rights that are attributable to individual groups of participants. For stock options that were granted before the stock split 2014 came into effect, the entitlement of the participants to receive new shares through the exercise of stock options increases in the same proportion as the subscribed capital (factor 3). The participants are now entitled to receive three bearer ordinary shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. The exercise price is reduced proportionally.

2013 PSP

The holders of phantom stocks, that were issued before the stock split 2014 came into effect, will be granted an economic compensation through retroactively tripling the number of phantom stocks granted before the stock split 2014 came into effect.

Stock Option Plan 2008

For stock options that were granted before the stock split 2014 came into effect, the entitlement of the participants to receive new shares through the exercise of stock options increases in the same proportion as the subscribed capital (factor 3). The participants are now entitled to receive three bearer ordinary shares of Fresenius SE &

Co. KGaA. The maximum number of ordinary shares to be issued increases accordingly. The exercise price is reduced proportionally.

Stock Option Plan 2003

Convertible bonds granted prior to the registration of the resolutions of the Annual General Meeting dated December 4, 2006 with the commercial register regarding the capital increase from company's funds and the new division of the subscribed capital (stock split 2006) but converted after the stock split 2014 came into effect, now entitle participants to receive nine bearer ordinary shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA per convertible bond. The maximum number of ordinary shares to be issued increases accordingly. The conversion price is reduced proportionally.

Convertible bonds granted after the registration of the stock split 2006 with the commercial register but converted after the stock split 2014 came into effect, now entitle participants to receive three bearer ordinary shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA per convertible bond. The maximum number of ordinary shares to be issued increases accordingly. The conversion price is reduced proportionally.

Transactions during 2014

In 2014, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA awarded 2,233,812 stock options under the 2013 LTIP, including 315,000 options to members of the Management Board of Fresenius Management SE, at an exercise price of €36.92, a fair value of €8.28 each and a total fair value of €18.5 million, which will be amortized over the four-year vesting period. Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA also awarded 326,592 phantom stocks under the 2013 LTIP, including 81,606 phantom stocks granted to members of the Management Board of Fresenius Management SE, at a measurement date (December 31, 2014) fair value of €41.11 each and a total fair value of €13.4 million, which will be revalued if the fair value changes, and amortized over the four-year vesting period.

During the fiscal year 2014, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA received cash of €45 million from the exercise of 2,448,113 stock options. The average stock price of the ordinary share at the exercise date was €37.82. The intrinsic value of convertible bonds and stock options exercised in 2014 was €45 million.

1,048,413 convertible bonds were outstanding and exercisable under the 2003 Plan at December 31, 2014. The members of the Fresenius Management SE Management Board held 137,724 convertible bonds. At December 31, 2014, out of 7,594,726 outstanding stock options issued under the 2008 Plan, 4,276,591 were exercisable and 1,578,180 were held by the members of the Fresenius Management SE Management Board. 4,260,627 stock options issued under the 2013 LTIP were outstanding at December 31, 2014. The members of the Fresenius Management SE Management Board held 630,000 stock options. 644,679 phantom stocks issued under the 2013 LTIP were outstanding at December 31, 2014. The members of the Fresenius Management SE Management Board held 163,422 phantom stocks and of the Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA 9,477 stock options.

Stock option transactions are summarized as follows:

	Ordinary shares
	Number
Number as of December 31, 2013 (Adjusted for stock split)	13,489,503
plus new issues	2,233,812
less forfeited options	-371,436
less exercises	-2,448,113
Number as of December 31, 2014	12,903,766

(12) Capital reserves

Capital reserves comprise the premium paid on the issue of shares and the exercise of stock options (additional paid-in capital).

In connection with the capital increase from company's funds, the capital reserves were reduced by €360,341,088 due to a conversion of a portion of the capital reserves into subscribed capital.

The capital reserves have developed during the fiscal year as follows:

	2014	2013
€ in thousands		
As of January 1	3,012,026	2,944,992
Reduced due to conversion into subscribed capital	-360,341	0
Increase due to exercise of stock options	43.270	67,034
As of December 31	2,694,955	3,012,026

The capital reserve exceeds 10% of the subscribed capital and therewith conforms with the legal reserve as in section 150 (1) and (2) of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG).

(13) Other reserves

Other reserves developed as follows:

	2014	2013
€ in thousands		
As of January 1	1,763,395	1,555,495
Additions to other reserves from net income of the period	239.000	207,900
As of December 31	2.002.395	1,763,395

According to the restrictions in Section 268 (8) HGB, €26.8 thousand shall not be distributed. This amount relates exclusively to the fair value of the securities held to cover partial retirement agreement obligations in case of insolvency. Given that the amount of capital and other reserves is sensibly higher than retained earnings, there is no distribution restriction for this amount.

(14) Retained earnings

Accumulated profits from the prior year of €31 thousand are included in retained earnings in accordance with the decision taken at the Annual General Meeting on May 16, 2014.

(15) Special reserve for government investment grants

Special reserves primarily comprise government investment grants and subsidies according to sections 1, 4 and 4b of the German Investment Subsidy Code (InvZulG). Dissolution of grants and subsidies is spread over the useful life of the subsidized assets. The yearly dissolution (€1 thousand) is included in the profit and loss statement under “Other operating income”.

(16) Accrued expenses

The pension obligation has been determined according to the method described under Note (3) “Accounting principles and standards of valuation”. Included in this item is an obligation of €10,516 thousand in favor of Fresenius Management SE for pension obligations related to its Management Board members.

In accordance with legal regulations the employee credit balances of partial retirement agreements are secured against insolvency. To fulfill this purpose the company buys shares of a money-market-similar investment fund in the amount of the cumulated credit balances. The securitization is done via pledging the investment fund shares to a trustee, hence the securities have the sole purpose of fulfilling the obligations derived from the partial retirement agreements and are not available to other creditors. They have been netted with their matching obligations following Section 246 (2) sentence 2 HGB. The fair value of these securities has been derived from the stock exchange price at the balance sheet date.

	Dec. 31, 2014
€ in thousands	
Amount to be paid for partial retirement agreements	368
Fair value of matching securities	328
Funded status (surplus of obligations over assets)	40
Acquisition cost of securities	301

In the statement of income, net interest includes €1 thousand of netted expense and income from the valuation of the securities and the provision.

On the basis of a Works Council Agreement from 2009 and starting on January 1, 2010, employees can participate in a demography fund (Demografiefonds) by contributing part of their compensation or working time to an account run by Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA in exchange of time-off in the future. The credit balances of the employees are invested in an insurance product via a trust agreement so that Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and its creditors do not have access to the funds. This construction is a security-based pension obligation in the sense of Section 253 (1) sentence 3 HGB. The amount provisioned for the time balances of the employees corresponds to the fair value of the insurance product. The fair value results from the forecasted actuarial reserves of the insurance company plus the present profit sharing on the surplus.

	Dec 31, 2014
€ in thousands	
Amount to be paid for obligations from the demography fund	1,191
Fair value of matching insurance	1,191
Funded status (surplus of assets over obligations)	0
Acquisition cost of insurance	1,113

The statement of income includes €23 thousand of netted expense and income, respectively, from the valuation of the insurance product and the provision.

Accruals for income taxes include estimated amounts of outstanding tax payments from current year as well as prior years.

Accruals for income taxes have increased by €20 million mainly due to additions from an increase in taxable income for 2014 and the years before as result of an extraordinary effect in an international tax group. Moreover tax interests were transferred from other reserves to accruals from income tax.

Other accruals mainly include accruals for personnel expenses of €12,668 thousand (2013: €10,362 thousand) as well as for invoices outstanding of €6,647 thousand

(2013: €4,831 thousand) and accruals to cover contingent losses from interest rate swaps.

(17) Liabilities

Dec 31, 2014

		Thereof with a remaining term of		
	Total	up to 1 year	1 year to 5 years	over 5 years
€ in thousands				
Convertible bonds	500,044	44	500,000	0
Bank loans	1,070,476	45,476	1,025,000	0
Trade accounts payable	2,258	2,258	0	0
Accounts payable to related parties	4,067,504	806,197	1,601,816	1,659,491
Other liabilities	61,820	61,718	102	0
	5,702,102	915,693	2,626,918	1,659,491

Dec 31, 2013

		Thereof with a remaining term of		
	Total	up to 1 year	1 year to 5 years	over 5 years
€ in thousands				
Convertible bonds	115	115	0	0
Bank loans	2,707,306	2,182,306	525,000	0
Trade accounts payable	6,218	6,218	0	0
Accounts payable to related parties	1,930,018	444,966	475,252	1,009,800
Other liabilities	13,975	13,873	102	0
	4,657,632	2,647,478	1,000,354	1,009,800

Convertible bonds, equity-neutral

On March 18, 2014, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA placed €500 million equity-neutral convertible bonds due 2019. The bonds were issued at par. The coupon was fixed at 0%, the initial conversion price has been determined at €149.3786. This represented a 35% premium over the reference share price of €110.65081. The reference share price has been determined as the arithmetic average of Fresenius' daily volume-weighted average Xetra share prices over a period of 10 consecutive Xetra trading days, starting on March 19, 2014. Net proceeds were used to partially fund the acquisition of hospitals and outpatient facilities of Rhön-Klinikum AG. Due to the dividend payment in May 2014 and the capital increase from company's funds in August 2014, the conversion price was adjusted. Accordingly, at December 31, 2014, the conversion price was €49.7249.

The fair value of the derivative embedded in the convertible bonds was €91 million at December 31, 2014. Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has purchased stock options (call options) to secure against future fair value fluctuations of this derivative. The embedded derivative and the call options build a hedge relationship and are accounted for at a book value of €46 million at December 31, 2014 following the "Einfrierungsmethode".

The conversion will be cash-settled. Any increase of Fresenius' share price above the conversion price would be offset by a corresponding value increase of the call options.

Convertible bonds within the Stock Option Plan

Liabilities result from the issuance of convertible bonds worth €44 thousand as part of the Fresenius AG 2003 Stock Option Plan.

Bank loans

Bridge Financing Facility

On October 15, 2013, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA entered into a Bridge Financing Facility in the amount of €1,800 million with a group of banks. The Bridge Financing Facility was guaranteed by Fresenius ProServe GmbH and Fresenius Kabi AG. The Bridge Financing Facility had been drawn in an amount of €1,500 million on December 30, 2013. The proceeds were used for advances made in the amount of €2,178 million under a fiduciary arrangement for the acquisition of hospitals and outpatient facilities of Rhön-Klinikum AG.

The Bridge Financing Facility initially had a one year tenor and had to be mandatorily reduced by the net proceeds of any capital markets transaction. In line with these provisions, the facility has been reduced by the net proceeds of the €1,200 million Senior Notes issuances as well as the US$300 million Senior Notes issuance that were made in January and February 2014. On February 27, 2014, the Bridge Financing Facility was voluntarily cancelled before maturity and the remaining outstanding amount of €90 million was prepaid.

Euro Notes

The Euro Notes issued by Fresenius Finance B.V. in the amount of €300 million, which were due in April and July 2014, were repaid as scheduled. Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA issued Euro Notes in the amount of €334 million for the refinancing of the €300 million Euro Notes as well as for general corporate purposes on April 2, 2014. In addition, an agreement for the issuance of further Euro Notes in an amount of €166 million was reached. These additional Euro Notes were issued on July 2, 2014.

The Euro Notes of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA are guaranteed by Fresenius Kabi AG and Fresenius ProServe GmbH.

Commercial-Paper-Program

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has a commercial paper program under which up to €1,000 million in short-term notes can be issued. As of December 31, 2014, the commercial paper program was not utilized.

Accounts payable to related parties

Accounts payable to related parties comprise loans and financing accounts with affiliated companies in an amount of €4,067,500 thousand (previous year €1,929,917 thousand) and trade accounts payable amounting to €4 thousand (previous year €101 thousand).

Included in this item are liabilities of €3,236 thousand (previous year €6,304 thousand) in favor of the general partner Fresenius Management SE. Moreover, liabilities of €11,467 thousand (previous year €15,033 thousand) in favor of Fresenius Management SE are included in pension liability and other liabilities.

Other liabilities

Other liabilities include primarily tax liabilities, interest liabilities as well as payroll liabilities.

Tax liabilities amount to €483 thousand (previous year €1,837 thousand).

(18) Contingent Liabilities

	2014	2013
€ in thousands		
Contingencies from indemnity agreements and guarantees	5,994,113	5,815,444
(thereof amount in favor of and from affiliated companies)	(5,994,113)	(5,815,444)

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has committed itself to exempt on certain preconditions various members of the managing boards of foreign affiliates from claims, in case such claims were made due to their function as members of the managing board of the affiliates concerned, and these claims were based on the law of the respective country.

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has committed itself, to the extent legally admissible, to indemnify the members of the Management Board against claims against them arising from their work for the Company and its affiliates, if such claims exceed their responsibilities under German law. To secure such obligations, the Company concluded a ‘Directors & Officers’ insurance with an excess, in compliance with stock corporation requirements. The indemnity applies for the time in which each member of the Management Board is in office and for claims in this connection after the ending of the membership of the Management Board in each case.

Senior Notes

To fund the acquisition of hospitals from Rhön-Klinikum AG Fresenius Finance B.V. issued unsecured Senior Notes in January and February 2014.

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA guarantees the liabilities of its wholly-owned subsidiaries Fresenius Finance B.V. and Fresenius US Finance II, Inc. – both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. The following table shows these liabilities of the two companies as of December 31, 2014.

Issuer	Nominal Value	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
Senior Notes			
Fresenius Finance B.V. 2013/2020	€500 million	July 15, 20	2.875%
Fresenius Finance B.V. 2012/2019	€500 million	Apr. 15, 19	4.25%
Fresenius Finance B.V. 2014/2019	€300 million	Feb. 1, 19	2.375%
Fresenius Finance B.V. 2014/2021	€450 million	Feb. 1, 21	3.00%
Fresenius Finance B.V. 2014/2024	€450 million	Feb. 1, 24	4.00%
Fresenius US Finance II, Inc. 2009/2015	€275 million	July 15, 15	8.75%
Fresenius US Finance II, Inc. 2009/2015	US$500 million	July 15, 15	9.00%
Fresenius US Finance II, Inc. 2014/2021	US$300 million	Feb. 1, 21	4.25%

The Senior Notes of Fresenius Finance B.V. and of Fresenius US Finance II, Inc. are guaranteed by Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, Fresenius Kabi AG and Fresenius ProServe GmbH. The holders have the right to request that the issuers repurchase the Senior Notes at 101% of principal plus accrued interest upon the occurrence of a change of control followed by a decline in the rating of the respective Senior Notes. All other Senior Notes of Fresenius Finance B.V. and of Fresenius US Finance II, Inc. may be redeemed prior to their maturity at the option of the issuers at a price of 100% plus accrued interest and a premium calculated pursuant to the terms of the indentures under observance of certain notice periods.

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has agreed to a number of covenants to provide protection to the bondholders, which, under certain circumstances, partly restrict the scope of action of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and its subsidiaries (excluding Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA and its subsidiaries). These covenants include restrictions on further debt that can be raised, the payment of dividends, the volume of capital expenditure, the redemption of subordinated liabilities and the mortgaging or sale of assets, among other items. Some of these restrictions are lifted automatically when the rating of the respective Senior Notes reaches investment grade. In the event of non-compliance with certain terms of the Senior Notes, the bondholders (owning in aggregate more than 25% of the outstanding Senior Notes) are entitled to call the Senior Notes and demand immediate repayment plus interest. As of December 31, 2014, the Fresenius Group was in compliance with all of its covenants.

2013 Credit Agreement

On December 20, 2012, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and various subsidiaries entered into a delayed draw syndicated credit agreement (2013 Senior Credit Agreement) in the original amount of US$1,300 million and €1,250 million. The 2013 Senior Credit Agreement was funded on June 28, 2013 and replaced the 2008 Senior Credit Agreement. On August 7, 2013, the 2013 Senior Credit Agreement was extended by a term loan B facility in the amount of US$500 million.

The 2013 Senior Credit Agreement allows for establishment of incremental facilities if certain conditions are met. In line with these provisions, the 2013 Senior Credit Agreement has been increased on November 27, 2013 by facilities in the initial amount of € 1,200 million, which consisted initially of an incremental term loan facility A of € 600 million, an incremental term loan facility B of € 300 million and an incremental revolving facility of € 300 million. These incremental facilities were drawn down on February 27, 2014 and used to fund the acquisition of hospitals from Rhön-Klinikum AG. As of December 31, 2014, the 2013 Senior Credit Agreement consisted of:

- Revolving credit facilities in the aggregate principal amount of US$300 million, €700 million and a € 200 million multicurrency facility with a final repayment date on June 28, 2018. Those revolving credit facilities are available for Fresenius US Finance I, Inc., Fresenius Finance II B.V. and Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, respectively. They have not been utilized at December 31, 2014.

- Term loan facilities in the aggregate principal amount of US$890 million and €1,125 million (together Term Loan A) which were borrowed by Fresenius US Finance I, Inc. and Fresenius Finance II B.V. Term Loan A amortizes and is repayable in unequal quarterly installments with a final maturity on June 28, 2018.

- Term loan facilities in the aggregate principal amount of US$494 million and €297 million (together Term Loan B) was borrowed by Fresenius US Finance I, Inc. and Fresenius Fincance II B.V., respectively. Term Loan B amortizes and is repayable in quarterly installments, whereby the majority of the loans is due on June 28, 2019.

The 2013 Senior Credit Agreement is guaranteed by Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, Fresenius ProServe GmbH, Fresenius Kabi AG and certain U.S. subsidiaries of Fresenius Kabi AG. Obligations under the 2013 Senior Credit Agreement are secured by pledges of capital stock of certain material subsidiaries of Fresenius Kabi AG, and upon funding of the incremental facilities are additionally secured by a pledge of the capital stock of HELIOS Kliniken GmbH, in favor of the lenders.

On January 29, 2015, the term loan B facility of €297 million under the 2013 Senior Credit Agreement was voluntarily prepaid. On February 12, 2015, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA refinanced the revolving credit facilities and the term loan A tranches in a total amount of €3,044 million. The new facilities consist initially of revolving facilities of €900 million and US$ 300 million, as well as term loan A facilities of €1,150 million and

US$850 million. The maturity of these tranches was extended by two years to June 28, 2020. The term loan B facility of US$494 million remains unchanged.

Other Loans

Moreover, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA guarantee for a loan of €24.1 million from Fresenius Immobilien-Verwaltungs-GmbH & Co. Objekt Friedberg KG issued in 2010 with a value of €15.4 million as of December 31, 2014. In October 2014 the liabilities from the loan of Fresenius Immobilien-Verwaltungs-GmbH & Co. Objekt Friedberg KG were transferred to Fresenius Kabi AG.

According to our judgment the affected companies can meet the underlying obligations in any case and assertion of the claim is currently not expected.

(19) Other financial commitments

	2014	2013
€ in thousands		
Commitments from building leases, and leasing commitments		
due 2015 (prior year 2014)	6,180	5,859
due 2016-2019 (prior year 2015-2018)	6,877	7,769
due after 2019 (prior year after 2018)	0	-
	13,057	13,628
Commitments from ongoing capital expenditures	138	45
(thereof amount to affiliated companies)	(0)	(-)
Other Commitments	16,511	16,415
(thereof amount to affiliated companies)	(16,511)	(16,415)
	29,706	30,088

Other financial commitments comprise liabilities for joint commitments from the transfer of pension obligations to operating divisions of the business segments and future payment-obligations from subsidiaries resulting from acquisitions.

According to our judgment the affected companies can meet the underlying obligations in any case and assertion of the claim is currently not expected.

Notes on the profit and loss statement

(20) Income from participations

	2014	2013
€ in thousands		
Income from profit transfer agreements	547,113	427,035
Income from participations	84,182	150,134
(thereof amount from affiliated companies)	(83,491)	(149,443)
	631,295	577,169

(21) Other operating income

Other operating income of €213,044 thousand in total (previous year €180,073 thousand) is comprised primarily of foreign currency gains of €130,938 thousand (previous year €97,770 thousand), of cost transfers to group companies of €65,006 thousand (previous year €75,733 thousand), income resulting from the sale of the Rhön-Klinikum AG shares of €15,657 thousand, sales of property, plant and equipment from other accounting periods of €286 thousand (previous year €49 thousand), as well as other income from other accounting periods mainly income from the dissolution of short-term accruals of €696 thousand (previous year €4,777 thousand). The main reason for the increase in other operating income is an increase in foreign currency gains.

The total income from other accounting periods was €780 thousand in the fiscal year (previous year €8,249 thousand).

(22) Personnel expenses

	2014	2013
€ in thousands		
Salaries and wages	25,324	22,676
Social security and costs of retirement pensions and social assistance	6,260	5,521
(thereof amount of retirement pensions)	(2,823)	(2,326)
	31,584	28,197

The annual average number of employees of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA by function is divided into the following groups:

	2014	2013
Wage earners	19	18
Salaried employees	263	246
Apprentices	139	134
	421	398

(23) Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment

Depreciation of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment of €4,407 thousand (previous year €4,288 thousand) is regular depreciation.

(24) Other operating expenses

Other operating expenses of €204,177 thousand in total (previous year €171,379 thousand) were primarily foreign currency losses of €132,429 thousand (previous year €95,988 thousand). Also included are IT-related expenses, insurance premiums and consulting expenses, as well as the costs of Fresenius Management SE for the compensation of its Management Board that is passed on.

Total expenses from other accounting periods were €1,149 thousand in the fiscal year (previous year €653 thousand).

(25) Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)

	2014	2013
€ in thousands		
Profit on ordinary activities	540,809	460,527
Net interest	62,620	21,219
Write-offs on financial assets and marketable securities	742	71,632
Other taxes	-482	-171
EBIT	**603,689**	**553,207**

(26) Net interest

	2014	2013
€ in thousands		
Interest income from long-term loans	80,397	58,618
(thereof amount from affiliated companies)	(80,397)	(58,595)
Other interest and similar income	39,740	60,692
(thereof amount from affiliated companies)	(38.086)	(52,073)
Interest and similar expenses	-180,787	-138,695
(thereof amount from affiliated companies)	(-117,714)	(-72,261)
Expense from interest accrued for provisions	-1,970	-1,834
	-62,620	-21,219

(27) Write-offs of financial assets

The item mainly includes in the previous year write-offs on the shares of GIF (Luxembourg) Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable-SIF in the amount of €72 million due to dividend payment. The equal amount of dividend payment was reported in the income from participations.

(28) Income Taxes

Income taxes in the amount of €62,142 thousand (previous year €27,835 thousand) resulted from current tax expense of €44,818 thousand (previous year €23,567 thousand) as well as taxes from other accounting periods in the amount of €17,324 thousand (previous year €4,268 thousand).

Taxable income for 2014 and the years before has increased by €34,307 million mainly due to an extraordinary effect in an international tax group which has resulted in an increase in taxable income for the tax group parent Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. A corresponding compensatory effect is reported in the local financial statement of the foreign subsidiary.

The deferred tax for the Tax Group is calculated with a tax rate of 30%, which is the tax rate expected to be applicable at the time the temporary differences reverse. Deferred tax liabilities arise from differences in the valuation of accounts receivables and from other assets not recognized for tax purposes. Differences in the valuation of pensions and other provisions generate deferred tax assets that exceed the amount of deferred tax liabilities. Moreover, as of December 31, 2014, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has further deferred tax assets that arise from operating losses that can be carried forward for an unlimited period. The Company makes use of the option not to recognize a net deferred asset.

(29) Derivatives

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA uses derivative financial instruments, normally micro-hedges, to hedge against existing or highly probable future interest and currency risks. Derivative financial instruments are contracted exclusively for hedging purposes. As the critical terms of the underlying transactions basically match those of the derivative financial instruments it can be assumed that hedges are highly effective. Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has approved guidelines for assessing risks and to control the use of financial instruments. The guidelines require a clear separation between the execution function on the one side and the clearing, accounting and control on the other hand. Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA uses derivative financial instruments to reduce fluctuations in earnings and cash flows caused by changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The high effectiveness of the derivative financial instruments leads to the expectation that, in general, the underlying transaction and the corresponding derivative will offset each other.

Foreign exchange risk

The company uses foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge foreign exchange risk.

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA entered into foreign exchange forward contracts with external partners to hedge foreign currency risks from accounts receivable and liabilities as well as highly probable forecasted transactions from the Company and its affiliates. On the balance sheet date, the Company had mainly US$ and € currency derivatives with a nominal value of €392,517 thousand and fair value of €-196 thousand with a maximum maturity of 12 months.

For foreign exchange forward contracts contracted with banks that were closed to hedge the foreign exchange risk of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA Group companies' and that were passed down to the affected Group companies via Group internal transactions, hedges were built for the forward contracts and the underlying transactions with an offsetting fair value. The Company does not revaluate these hedges for financial reporting purposes until maturity ('Einfrierungsmethode'). The positive net fair value of internal and external hedges was €0 thousand. As of December 31, 2043, the notional amount of these transactions totaled €84,189 thousand. There has no provision for contingent losses been built within "Other provisions". The offsetting cash flows will level after 12 months the latest.

Further hedges were built for loans in foreign currencies that Group Companies have borrowed from the Company or that the Company has borrowed from Group Companies, and their offsetting foreign exchange forward contracts closed for hedging purposes. The loan receivables and payment obligations hedged against currency risk had a net book value of €1,015,840 thousand (asset). External foreign currency hedging contracts for the individual loans receivables and payment obligations had a negative net fair value of €1,130 thousand. The changes in value of both the loan receivables and payment obligations and the foreign currency hedging contracts have been recognized as income ('Durchbuchungsmethode'). The offsetting cash flows will nearly level after 3 months the latest.

The rest of the currency derivative contracts can have positive and negative fair values. Positive fair values of €1,925 thousand were not recognized for financial reporting purposes. Negative fair values amounting to €991 thousand were recognized as contingent losses.

Interest rate risk

The Company entered into interest rate swap transactions with banks with a nominal value of €282,366 thousand and a negative fair value on the balance sheet date of €1,386 thousand. These interest rate swaps were used to hedge variable interest rate payments from the syndicated credit agreement and achieve pre-establish interest rate benchmarks for Senior Notes issuances of Fresenius Group companies. These transactions build a hedge that is not revaluated for financial reporting purposes until maturity (‘Einfrierungsmethode’).

Standards of valuation

The fair values of derivative financial instruments are valuated according to customary standards that take market information (market values) on the balance sheet date into account. In detail following principles are used:

- The fair value is based on the market value of a derivative that could be reached in voluntary transactions by independent parties without taking forced or liquidation sales into account.

- To determine the market value of foreign exchange forward contracts, the contracted forward rate is compared to the current forward rate for the remaining term of the contract as of the date of the balance sheet. The result is then discounted on the basis of the market interest rates prevailing at the date of the statement of financial position for the respective currency.

- The value of interest rate swaps is calculated by discounting the future cash flows on the basis of the market interest rates applicable for the remaining term of the contract as of the date of the balance sheet.

The effectiveness of hedging relationships is measured with the Critical Term Match-Method and the Dollar Offset-Method for foreign exchange forward contracts and with the Dollar Offset-Method for interest rate swaps.

(30) Compensation of the Management Board and Supervisory Board

Individualized information regarding the compensation of the members of the Management Board and of the Supervisory Board is disclosed in the audited Compensation Report (see exhibit Compensation Report), which is part of the Management Report.

The Management Board’s compensation is, as a whole, performance-oriented and was composed of three elements in the fiscal year 2014:

- non-performance-based compensation (fixed compensation and fringe benefits)

- short-term performance-based compensation (one-year variable compensation)

- components with long-term incentive effects (several-year variable compensation comprising stock options, share-based compensation with cash settlement (phantom stocks) and postponed payments of the one-year variable compensation).

The cash compensation paid to the Management Board for the performance of its responsibilities was €11,462 thousand (2013: €11,044 thousand). Thereof, €5,016 thousand (2013: €5,044 thousand) is not performance-based and €6,446 thousand (2013: €6,000 thousand) is performance-based. The amount of the performance-based compensation depends on the achievement of targets relating to the net income of the Fresenius Group and business segments. As a long-term incentive component, the members of the Management Board received 315,000 stock options under the Fresenius SE Co. KGaA Stock Option Plan 2013 and 74,700 stock options under the Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA Stock Option Plan 2011 and a share-based compensation with cash settlement in an amount of €3,743 thousand.

The payment of a part of the performance-based compensation in an amount of €271 thousand was postponed by two years as a long-term incentive component. The payment depends on the achievement of targets relating to the net income attributable to Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA of the years 2015 and 2016. The total compensation paid to the Management Board was €18,759 thousand (previous year €18,407 thousand in the fiscal year 2014.

The total compensation paid to the Supervisory Boards of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and Fresenius Management SE and their committees was €2,961 thousand in 2014 (2013: €2,920 thousand). Of this amount, €206 thousand was fixed compensation (2013: €213 thousand), €100 thousand was compensation for committees services (2013: €100 thousand), and €2,655 thousand was variable compensation (2013: €2,607 thousand).

In 2014, based on pension commitments to former members of the Management Board, €1,049 thousand (2013: €1,064 thousand) was paid. The pension obligation for these persons amounted to €8,465 thousand in 2014 (2013: €17,389 thousand).

In the fiscal years 2014 and 2013, no loans or advance payments of future compensation components were made to members of the Management Board of Fresenius Management SE.

The members of the Management Board and Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE are displayed in the exhibit to the Notes.

(31) Corporate Governance

For each consolidated stock exchange listed entity, the declaration pursuant to Section 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz) has been issued and made available to shareholders on the website of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA www.fresenius.com under Who we are – Corporate Governance – Declaration of Conformity and of Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA www.fmc-ag.com under Investor Relations – Corporate Governance – Declaration of Compliance, respectively.

(32) Consolidated Financial Statements

As parent company Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA prepares and publishes consolidated financial statements and management report in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) which are binding to be applied in the EU applying Section 315a of the German Commercial Code (HGB) for the smallest group of consolidated companies. The consolidated financial statements are published in the electronic Bundesanzeiger (German Federal Gazette). Fresenius Management SE, Bad Homburg v.d.H. prepares and publishes the consolidated financial statements for the largest group of consolidated companies which is also published in the electronic Bundesanzeiger (German Federal Gazette).

(33) Proposal for the distribution of earnings

The General Partner and the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA propose to the Annual General Meeting that the earnings for 2014 of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA be distributed as follows:

Payment of a dividend of €0.44 per ordinary share on the 541,532,600 ordinary shares entitled to dividend	€238,274,344
Balance to be carried forward	€942,025.95
Retained earnings	€239,216,369.95

(34) Responsibility Statement

"To the best of our knowledge, and in accordance with the applicable reporting principles, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company, and the Company management report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal opportunities and risks associated with the expected development of the Company."

Bad Homburg v.d.H., February 24, 2015

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA,

represented by:

Fresenius Management SE, its General Partner

The Management Board

Dr. U. M. Schneider Dr. F. De Meo Dr. J. Götz

M. Henriksson R. Powell S. Sturm Dr. E. Wastler

BOARDS

SUPERVISORY BOARD FRESENIUS SE & CO. KGAA

Dr. Gerd Krick

Former Chairman of Fresenius AG

Chairman

Offices
Supervisory Board
Fresenius Management SE (Chairman)
Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA (Chairman)
Fresenius Medical Care Management AG
VAMED AG, Austria (Chairman)

Prof. Dr. med. D. Michael Albrecht

Medical Director and Spokesman of the Management Board of the Universitätsklinikum Carl Gustav Carus Dresden

Offices
Supervisory Board
GÖK Consulting AG
Universitätsklinikum Aachen

Prof. Dr. h. c. Roland Berger

Management Consultant

Offices
Supervisory Board
Fresenius Management SE
Prime Office REIT-AG (until January 22, 2014, Chairman)
Prime Office AG (since January 22, 2014
until May 5, 2014)
Schuler AG
Deutsche Oppenheim Family Office AG
(former: Wilhelm von Finck AG (Deputy Chairman)
WMP EuroCom AG (Chairman)
Rocket Internet AG (since September 1, 2014)

Administrative Board
Wittelsbacher Ausgleichsfonds (until September 30, 2014)

Board of Directors
Geox S.p.A., Italy
RCS Mediagroup S.p.A., Italy (Vice President)

Dario Anselmo Ilossi

Trade Union Officer FEMCA Cisl – Energy, Fashion, and Chemicals

Konrad Kölbl

Full-time Works Council Member

Member of the Manual Workers' Works Council of VAMED-KMB Krankenhausmanagement und Betriebsführungsges. m.b.H.

Chairman of the Group Works Council of VAMED AG

Deputy Chairman of the European Works Council of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA

Corporate Offices
Supervisory Board
VAMED-KMB Krankenhausmanagement und
Betriebsführungsges. m.b.H., Austria

Klaus-Peter Müller

Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Commerzbank AG

Offices
Supervisory Board
Commerzbank AG (Chairman)
Fresenius Management SE
Linde AG

Administrative Board
Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank (until July 3, 2014)

Board of Directors
Parker Hannifin Corporation, USA

Dieter Reuß

Full-time Works Council Member

Chairman of the Joint Works Council of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA / Bad Homburg site

Deputy Chairman of the General Works Council of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA (since May 14, 2014)

Gerhard Roggemann

Canaccord Genuity Ltd., London (formerly: Hawkpoint Partners Ltd., London) Vice Chairman Investment Banking (until August 31, 2014)

Edmond de Rothschild Private Merchant Banking LLP, London

Senior Advisor and Advisory Counsel to the Frankfurt branch (since September 1, 2014)

Offices
Supervisory Board
Deutsche Beteiligungs AG (Deputy Chairman)
Deutsche Börse AG (Deputy Chairman)
GP Günter Papenburg AG (Chairman)
WAVE Management AG (Deputy Chairman)

Dr. Gerhard Rupprecht

(† August 8, 2014)

Former member of the Management Board of Allianz SE

Deputy Chairman

Offices
Supervisory Board
Euler Hermes Deutschland AG
Fresenius Management SE

Administrative Board
Allianz France SA

SUPERVISORY BOARD FRESENIUS SE & CO. KGAA

Stefan Schubert

Hospital nurse and full-time Works Council Member

Chairman of the Works Council of HELIOS Klinik Bad Schwalbach and of HELIOS Klinik Idstein

Chairman of the Group Works Council of Wittgensteiner Kliniken GmbH

Member of the European Works Council of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA

Corporate Offices
Supervisory Board
Wittgensteiner Kliniken GmbH

Rainer Stein

Full-time Works Council Member

Chairman of the Group Works Council of HELIOS Kliniken GmbH

Chairman of the European Works Council of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA

Corporate Offices
Supervisory Board
HELIOS Kliniken GmbH

Niko Stumpfögger

Secretary of the Trade Union ver.di, Head of Company and Industry Politics in Health Care and Social Affairs
Deputy Chairman

Offices
Supervisory Board
HELIOS Kliniken GmbH (Deputy Chairman)

COMMITTEES OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

Audit Committee

Prof. Dr. h. c. Roland Berger (Chairman)
Konrad Kölbl
Dr. Gerd Krick
Gerhard Roggemann
Rainer Stein

Nomination Committee

Dr. Gerd Krick (Chairman)
Prof. Dr. h. c. Roland Berger
Dr. Gerhard Rupprecht († August 8, 2014)

Joint Committee [1]

Dr. Dieter Schenk (Chairman)
Dr. Gerd Krick
Dr. Gerhard Rupprecht († August 8, 2014)
Dr. Karl Schneider

[1] The committee consists equally of two members each of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and of Fresenius Management SE.

MANAGEMENT BOARD FRESENIUS MANAGEMENT SE

(General partner of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA)

Dr. Ulf M. Schneider

Chairman

Corporate Offices
Supervisory Board
FPS Beteiligungs AG (Chairman)
Fresenius Kabi AG (Chairman)
Fresenius Kabi España S.A.U., Spain
Fresenius Medical Care Groupe France S.A.S., France (Chairman)
Fresenius Medical Care Management AG (Chairman)
HELIOS Kliniken GmbH (Chairman)

Board of Directors
Fresenius Kabi USA, Inc., USA
FHC (Holdings) Ltd., Great Britain

Offices
Board of Directors
E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company, USA (since October 22, 2014)

Dr. Francesco De Meo

Business Segment Fresenius Helios

Corporate Offices
Supervisory Board
HELIOS Beteiligungs AG (Chairman)
HELIOS Kliniken Schwerin GmbH (Chairman)

Dr. Jürgen Götz

Chief Legal and Compliance Officer, and Labor Relations Director

Corporate Offices
Supervisory Board
FPS Beteiligungs AG (Deputy Chairman)
HELIOS Kliniken GmbH
Wittgensteiner Kliniken GmbH (Chairman)

Mats Henriksson

Business Segment Fresenius Kabi

Corporate Offices
Supervisory Board
Fresenius Kabi Austria GmbH, Austria (Chairman)
Fresenius Kabi España S.A.U., Spain
Fresenius Kabi Japan K.K., Japan
Labesfal – Laboratórios Almiro, S.A., Portugal

Administrative Board
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Fresenius Kabi Italia S.p.A., Italy (Chairman)

Board of Directors
Fenwal, Inc., USA
Fenwal Canada Holdings, Inc., USA
Fenwal Holdings, Inc., USA
FHC (Holdings) Ltd., Great Britain
Fresenius Kabi Asia Pacific Ltd., Hong Kong
Fresenius Kabi Oncology Ltd., India
Fresenius Kabi Pharmaceuticals Holding, Inc., USA
Fresenius Kabi (Singapore) Pte Ltd., Singapore
Fresenius Kabi USA, Inc., USA
Sino-Swed Pharmaceutical Corp, Ltd., China

Rice Powell

Business Segment Fresenius Medical Care

Corporate Offices
Management Board
Fresenius Medical Care Management AG (Chairman)

Administrative Board
Vifor Fresenius Medical Care Renal Pharma Ltd., Switzerland (Deputy Chairman)

Board of Directors
Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc., USA (Chairman)

Stephan Sturm

Chief Financial Officer

Corporate Offices
Supervisory Board
FPS Beteiligungs AG
Fresenius Kabi AG (Deputy Chairman)
Fresenius Kabi España S.A.U., Spain
HELIOS Kliniken GmbH
Labesfal – Laboratórios Almiro, S.A., Portugal
VAMED AG, Austria (Deputy Chairman)
Wittgensteiner Kliniken GmbH

Administrative Board
Fresenius Kabi Groupe France S.A., France

Board of Directors
FHC (Holdings) Ltd., Great Britain

Dr. Ernst Wastler

Business Segment Fresenius Vamed

Corporate Offices
Supervisory Board
Charité CFM Facility Management GmbH (Deputy Chairman)
VAMED-KMB Krankenhausmanagement und Betriebsführungsges. m.b.H., Austria (Chairman)

SUPERVISORY BOARD FRESENIUS MANAGEMENT SE

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Chairman

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Dr. Gerhard Rupprecht

(† August 8, 2014)

Dr. Dieter Schenk

Lawyer and Tax Consultant

Deputy Chairman

Offices

Supervisory Board

Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA (Deputy Chairman)
Fresenius Medical Care Management AG
(Deputy Chairman)
Gabor Shoes AG (Chairman)
Greiffenberger AG (Deputy Chairman)
TOPTICA Photonics AG (Chairman)

Administrative Board

Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung (Chairman)

Dr. Karl Schneider

Former Spokesman of Südzucker AG

Offices

Administrative Board

Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung (Deputy Chairman)

Management Report for Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA acts as an operating holding that holds the shares of the Fresenius Group management companies. Fresenius SE Co. KGaA collects income from service contracts, and in a higher amount, income from participations. The income from investments and with it, the result of operations, financial position and the assets and liabilities are highly dependent on the performance of the whole Group. Therefore the business development of the group is described in the following paragraphs.

Fundamental information about the group

The group's business model

Fresenius is a global health care group in the legal form of an SE & Co. KGaA (a partnership limited by shares). We offer products and services for dialysis, hospitals, and outpatient medical care. In addition, Fresenius focuses on hospital operations. We also manage projects and provide services for hospitals and other health care facilities worldwide.

The operating business comprises four **business segments**, all of which are legally independent entities managed by the operating parent company Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. The business segments have a regional and decentralized structure.

- **Fresenius Medical Care** offers products and services for patients with chronic kidney failure. As of December 31, 2014, Fresenius Medical Care treated 286,312 patients at 3,361 dialysis clinics. Dialyzers, dialysis machines, and renal pharmaceuticals are among the most important product lines. In addition, Fresenius Medical Care offers dialysis-related services, among others in the field of Care Coordination.

- **Fresenius Kabi** specializes in intravenously administered drugs (IV drugs), clinical nutrition, and infusion therapies. The company is also a supplier of medical devices and products of transfusion technology. The company sells its products mainly to hospitals.

- **Fresenius Helios** is the largest hospital operator in Germany. At the end of 2014, Fresenius Helios operated a total of 110 hospitals with more than 34,000 beds in Germany. In addition to 86 acute care hospitals, including seven maximum care clinics in Berlin-Buch, Duisburg, Erfurt, Krefeld, Schwerin, Wiesbaden, and Wuppertal, the HELIOS Group has 24 post-acute care hospitals.

- **Fresenius Vamed** manages projects and provides services for hospitals and other health care facilities worldwide. The portfolio ranges along the entire value chain – from project development, planning, and turnkey construction, via maintenance, and technical management, to total operational management.

- The segment **Corporate / Other** comprises the holding activities of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and the IT service provider Fresenius Netcare, which operates mainly for Group companies. In addition, Corporate / Other includes the consolidation measures conducted among the business segments.

Fresenius has an international sales network and maintains approximately 90 production sites. Large production sites are located in the United States, China, Japan, Germany, and Sweden. Production plants are also located in other European countries and in Latin America, Asia-Pacific, and South Africa.

<u>Important markets and competitive position</u>

Fresenius operates in about 80 countries through its subsidiaries. The **main markets** are North America and Europe with 41% and 43% of sales, respectively.

Fresenius Medical Care holds the leading position worldwide in dialysis care as it serves about 11% of all dialysis patients, as well as in dialysis products, with a market share of about 35%. **Fresenius Kabi** holds leading market positions in Europe and has significant market shares in the growth markets of Asia-Pacific and Latin America. In the United States, Fresenius Kabi is one of the leading suppliers of generic IV drugs. **Fresenius Helios** is the largest hospital operator in Germany. **Fresenius Vamed** is one of the world's leading companies in its field.

<u>Legal and economic factors</u>

Overall, the legal and economic factors for the Fresenius Group were largely unchanged. The life-saving and life-sustaining products and therapies that the Group offers are of intrinsic importance for people worldwide. Therefore, our markets are fundamentally stable and relatively independent of economic cycles.

Furthermore, the diversification across four business segments and our global reach provide additional stability for the Group.

There were no legal aspects that significantly affected business performance in 2014.

<u>Management and control</u>

In the legal form of a KGaA, the Company's corporate bodies are the General Meeting, the Supervisory Board, and the general partner, Fresenius Management SE. Fresenius Management SE is wholly owned by Else Kröner-Fresenius- Stiftung. The KGaA has a **two-tier management system** – management and control are strictly separated.

The **general partner**, represented by its **Management Board**, conducts the business and represents the Company in dealings with third parties. The Management Board has seven members. According to the Management Board's rules of procedure, each member is accountable for his or her own area of responsibility. However, the members have joint responsibility for the management of the Group. In addition to the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, Fresenius Management SE has its own Supervisory Board. The Management Board is required to report to the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE regularly, in particular on its corporate policy and strategies, business profitability, current operations, and any other matters that could be of significance for the Company's profitability and liquidity. The Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE also advises and supervises the Management Board in its management of the Company. It is prohibited from managing the Company directly. However, the Management Board's rules of procedure require it to obtain the approval of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE for specific activities. The members of the Management Board are appointed and dismissed by the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE. Appointment and dismissal is in accordance with Article 39 of the SE Regulation. The articles of association of Fresenius Management SE also provide that deputy members of the Management Board may be appointed.

The **Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA** advises and supervises the management of the Company's business by the general partner, reviews the annual financial statements and the consolidated financial statements, and performs the other functions assigned to it by law and the Company's articles of association. It is involved in corporate planning and strategy, and in all matters of fundamental importance for the Company. The Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has six shareholder representatives and six employee representatives. A Nomination Committee of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has been instituted for election proposals for the shareholder representatives. Its activities are aligned with the provisions of law and the Corporate Governance Code. The shareholder representatives are elected by the **General Meeting of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA.** The European works council elects the employee representatives to the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA.

The Supervisory Board must meet at least twice per calendar half-year. The Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has two permanent **committees**: the Audit Committee, consisting of five members, and the Nomination Committee, consisting of three members. The members of the committees are listed in the exhibit to the notes. The Company's annual corporate governance declaration describes the procedures of the Supervisory Board's committees. The declaration can be found on the website www.fresenius.com.

The description of both the **compensation structure** and individual amounts paid to the Management Board and Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE, and the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, are included in the Compensation Report (see exhibit Compensation Report). The Compensation Report is part of the Management Report.

<u>Capital, shareholders, articles of association</u>

The subscribed capital of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA amounted to 541,532,600 ordinary shares as of December 31, 2014 (December 31, 2013: 179,694,829). On May 16, 2014, the Annual General Meeting approved the issuance of new shares (stock split) through the conversion of capital reserves from company funds. In accordance with the proposed stock split, various authorizations were adjusted accordingly. These resolutions were recorded in the commercial register on August 1, 2014. The subscribed capital and the number of shares were tripled. Every shareholder has received two additional shares for each share held (three-for-one stock split). The stock exchange listing was converted on August 4, 2014.

The shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA are non-par-value bearer shares. Each share represents € 1.00 of the capital stock. Shareholders' rights are regulated by the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG – Aktiengesetz).

Fresenius Management SE, as general partner, is authorized, subject to the consent of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA:

- to increase the subscribed capital of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA by a total amount of up to € 120.96 million, until May 15, 2019, through a single or multiple issuance of new bearer ordinary shares against cash contributions and / or contributions in kind **(Authorized Capital I)**. Shareholders' pre-emptive rights of subscription can be excluded.

In addition, there are the following **Conditional Capitals**, of which the Conditional Capitals I and II are adjusted for stock options that have been exercised in the meantime:

- The subscribed capital is conditionally increased by up to € 5,773,056.00 through the issuance of new bearer ordinary shares **(Conditional Capital I)**. The conditional capital increase will only be executed to the extent that convertible bonds for ordinary shares have been issued under the 2003 Stock Option Plan and the holders of these convertible bonds exercise their conversion rights.

- The subscribed capital is conditionally increased by up to € 10,901,188.00 through the issuance of new bearer ordinary shares **(Conditional Capital II)**. The conditional capital increase will only be executed to the extent that subscription rights have been issued under the 2008 Stock Option Plan, the holders of these subscription rights exercise their rights, and the Company does not use its own shares to service the subscription rights or does not exercise its right to make payment in cash.

- The general partner is authorized, with the approval of the Supervisory Board, until May 15, 2019, to issue option bearer bonds and / or convertible bearer bonds, once or several times, for a total nominal amount of up to € 2.5 billion. To fulfill the granted subscription rights, the subscribed capital of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA was increased conditionally by up to € 48,971,202.00 through issuance of new bearer ordinary shares **(Conditional Capital III)**. The conditional capital increase shall only be implemented to the extent that the holders of convertible bonds issued for cash, or of warrants from option bonds issued for cash, exercise their conversion or option rights and as long as no other forms of settlement are used.

- The share capital is conditionally increased by up to € 25,200,000.00 by the issuance of new ordinary bearer shares **(Conditional Capital IV)**. The conditional capital increase will only be implemented to the extent that subscription rights have been, or will be, issued in accordance with the Stock Option Program 2013 and the holders of subscription rights exercise their rights, and the Company does not grant own shares to satisfy the subscription rights.

The Company is authorized, until May 15, 2019, to purchase and use its **own shares** up to a maximum amount of 10% of the subscribed capital. In addition, when purchasing own shares, the Company is authorized to use equity derivatives with possible exclusion of any tender right. The Company had not utilized these authorizations as of December 31, 2014.

Direct and indirect ownership interests in Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA are listed in Note 9 of the Notes. As the largest shareholder, Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung informed the Company on December 16, 2014, that it held 144,695,094 ordinary shares of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. This corresponds to an equity interest of 26.72% as of December 31, 2014.

Amendments to the articles of association are made in accordance with Section 278 (3), Section 179 (2) of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) in conjunction with Section 17 (3) of the articles of association of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. Unless mandatory legal provisions require otherwise, amendments of the articles of association require a simple majority of the subscribed capital represented in the resolution. If the voting results in a tie, a motion is deemed rejected. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 285 (2) sentence 1 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG), amendments to the articles of association require the consent of the general partner, Fresenius Management SE. The Supervisory Board is entitled to make such amendments to the articles of association that only concern their wording without a resolution of the General Meeting.

Under certain circumstances, a **change of control** as the result of a takeover bid could impact some of our long-term financing agreements, which contain customary change of control provisions that grant creditors the right to terminate agreements early or to request early repayments of outstanding amounts in case of a change of control. These termination rights partly become effective if the change of control is followed by a decline of the Company's rating or of the respective financing instruments.

Goals and strategy

Our goal is to strengthen the position of Fresenius as a leading global provider of products and therapies for critically and chronically ill people. With our four business segments, we are concentrating on a limited number of health care areas. Thanks to this clear focus, we have developed unique competencies. We are following our long-term strategies consistently and are seizing our opportunities.

The key elements of Fresenius Group's strategy and goals are to:

- **Expand market position and worldwide presence**: Fresenius seeks to ensure and expand its long-term position as a leading international provider of products and services in the health care industry. To this end, and to geographically expand our business, we plan to grow organically as well as through selective small and medium-sized acquisitions, complementing our existing portfolio. We focus on markets with strong growth rates. Fresenius Kabi, for example, has strengthened its IV business through an acquisition in Brazil.

  Fresenius Medical Care is the worldwide leader in dialysis, with a strong market position in the United States. Future opportunities in dialysis will arise from further international expansion in dialysis care and products and in renal pharmaceuticals, as well as the expansion in the field of Care Coordination. In this area, Fresenius Medical Care offers additional services for dialysis patients. These include, e.g., laboratory and vascular care services. In 2014, Fresenius Medical Care has significantly strengthened this area through several acquisitions. By expanding its business, the company addresses a growing need for integrated patient care.

Fresenius Kabi is the market leader in infusion therapy and clinical nutrition in Europe and in the key markets in Asia-Pacific and Latin America. In the United States, Fresenius Kabi is one of the leading players in the market for generic IV drugs. In addition, Fresenius Kabi is one of the most important providers of transfusion technology. Fresenius Kabi plans to roll out products from its existing portfolio to the growth markets and to launch existing products in the United States. In 2014, Fresenius Kabi was granted US approval for products in the fields of clinical nutrition and medical devices. Market share is to be expanded further through the launch of new products in the field of IV drugs and medical devices for infusion therapy and clinical nutrition, as well as in transfusion technology.

Including the 41 hospitals acquired from Rhön-Klinikum AG, Fresenius Helios is operating in nearly the whole Germany. Building on this, Fresenius Helios is now in the position to develop new patient care models and take advantage of further growth opportunities arising from the privatization process in the German hospital market.

Fresenius Vamed will further expand its position as a global specialist for projects and services for hospitals and other health care facilities.

- **Strengthen innovation**: Fresenius' strategy is to continue building on its strength in technology, its competence and quality in patient care, and its ability to manufacture cost-effectively. We want to develop products and systems that provide a high level of safety and user-friendliness and enable tailoring to individual patient needs. We intend to continue to meet our requirements of best-in-class medical standards by developing and offering more effective products and treatment methods for the critically and chronically ill. The goal of Fresenius Helios is to systematically foster interdisciplinary knowledge sharing and to use innovation to develop the best health care services and innovative therapies for our patients. Fresenius Vamed's goal is to realize further projects in integrated health care services and to support patient-oriented health care systems more efficiently.

- **Enhance profitability**: Last but not least, it is our goal to improve Group profitability. To contain costs, we are concentrating particularly on making our production plants more efficient, exploiting economies of scale, leveraging the existing marketing and distribution infrastructure more intensively, and practicing strict cost control. By focusing on our operating cash flow and employing efficient working capital management, we will increase our investment flexibility and improve our balance sheet ratios. Another goal is to optimize our weighted average cost of capital (WACC) by deliberately employing a balanced mix of equity and debt funding. In the present capital market conditions, we optimize our cost of capital if we hold the net debt / EBITDA ratio within a range of 2.5 to 3.0.

We report on our goals in detail in the Outlook section on pages 20 ff.

Corporate performance criteria

This key performance indicator for Fresenius SE &Co. KGaA as group parent company is retained earnings. The goal is to implement our long-term, earnings-driven dividend policy by means of profit transfers and distributions from affiliates.

Research and development

Product and process development as well as the improvement of therapies are at the core of our growth strategy. Fresenius focuses its R & D efforts on its core competencies in the following areas:

- Dialysis
- Infusion and nutrition therapies
- Generic IV drugs
- Medical devices

Apart from new products, we are concentrating on developing optimized or completely new therapies, treatment methods, and services.

Research and development **expenses** were € 369 million (2013: € 348 million), approximately 4.8% of our product sales (2013: 4.6%). Fresenius Medical Care decreased its R & D spending by 3%, Fresenius Kabi increased its R & D spending by 10%.

As of December 31, 2014, there were 2,107 employees in research and development (2013: 1,969). Of that number, 628 were employed at Fresenius Medical Care (2013: 583) and 1,479 at Fresenius Kabi (2013: 1,386).

Our main research sites are in Europe, the United States, and India. Product-related development activities are also carried out in China. Our R & D projects are mainly conducted in-house; external research is commissioned only on a limited scale. Our R&D projects are mainly conductedin-house; external research is commissioned only on a limited scale.

Employees

The knowledge, experience and commitment of our employees are critical to our success. For this reason, Fresenius values a culture of **diversity**. The interplay of a wide range of views, opinions, cultural backgrounds, experiences, and values helps us to achieve our full potential and contributes to our success.

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA had 433 employees on December 31, 2014 (December 31, 2013: 411). The higher number of employees is due to the growing operations of the Fresenius Group that require increasing personnel in the central functions within Fresenius SE Co. KGaA also.

Human resources management

We are constantly adapting our human resources tools to meet new requirements arising from demographics, the transformation to a service economy, skills shortages, and the compatibility of job and family life. For example, we offer **flexible working hours**.

Part of our identity as a health care company includes creating the right conditions to foster the **health of the employees**.

Employee recruitment and Personnel development

In order to ensure that our long-term needs for highly qualified employees are met, and to recruit new employees, we make use of online personnel marketing and regularly participate in recruiting events and careers fairs. In addition, we encourage long-term retention with attractive development programs.

We support the development of our employees' **professional and personal skills** across the Group through personal career talks as well as through our comprehensive range of training sessions and seminars. We continue to expand these at all hierarchy levels.

Fresenius promotes the long-term, sustainable **advancement of women** to derive greater benefit from their strengths and abilities now and in the future. However, we do not set any fixed quotas for management positions. At Fresenius, qualifications are the only thing that matters in the selection of personnel. Consequently, at Fresenius women and men with comparable qualifications will continue to have the same career opportunities. As of December 31, 2014, the proportion of female employees within the Fresenius Group was 68%. Women also held 30% of senior management positions, based on the number of worldwide participants in the stock option plans.

You can visit our award-winning **careers portal** at www. fresenius.com in the "Career" section.

Profit-sharing

The high expectations we place on our employees require equivalent compensation. To identify with the Company, employees must take part in its successes and understand the opportunities and risks of entrepreneurial thinking. Fresenius uses the following models:

- Profit-sharing for our employees in Germany
- Stock option plans

These programs support the entrepreneurial focus of our employees to continually increase the value of the company and safeguard the interests of our shareholders.

Responsibility, environmental management, sustainability

We orient our activities within the Fresenius Group to long-term goals, and thus ensure that our work is aligned to the needs of patients and employees, as well as shareholders and business partners, in a sustainable manner. Our **responsibility as a health care group** goes beyond our business operations. We are committed to protecting nature as the basis of life and using its resources responsibly. It is our mission to constantly improve our performance in the areas of environmental protection, occupational health and technical safety, and product responsibility and logistics, and to comply with legal requirements.

The international ISO Standard 14001 is an important benchmark for **environmental management** in the corporate sector. Among other things, it stresses the need for continuous assessment of a production site's impact on the environment, for example, with respect to emissions and waste. This international standard is implemented at our various production plants and most of our dialysis clinics. Key environmental performance indicators are, for instance, not only energy and water consumption, but also the volumes of waste and recycling rates at our locations.

In Europe, our production sites are subject to the **EU regulation REACH** (Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of CHemicals). The aim of REACH is to protect human health and the environment against hazards and risks from chemical substances.

Report on economic position

Health care industry

The health care sector is one of the world's largest industries. It is relatively insensitive to economic fluctuations compared to other sectors and has posted above-average growth over the past several years.

The main **growth factors** are:

- rising medical needs deriving from aging populations
- the growing number of chronically ill and multimorbid patients
- stronger demand for innovative products and therapies
- advances in medical technology
- the growing health consciousness, which increases the demand for health care services and facilities.

In the **emerging countries**, drivers are:

- expanding availability and correspondingly greater demand for basic health care
- increasing national incomes and hence higher spending on health care.

At the same time, the **cost of health care** is rising and claiming an ever-increasing share of national income. Health care spending averaged 9.3% of GDP in the OECD countries in 2012, with an average of US$ 3,484 spent per capita.

As in previous years, the United States had the highest per capita spending (US$ 8,745). Germany ranked sixth among the OECD countries with per capita spending of US$ 4,811.

The public sector is the main source of **health funding** in nearly all OECD countries. In Germany, 77% of health spending was funded by public sources in 2012, above the average of 72% in the OECD countries.

Most of the OECD countries have enjoyed large gains in **life expectancy** over the past decades, thanks to improved living standards, public health interventions, and progress in medical care. In 2012, average life expectancy in the OECD countries was 80.2 years.

Source: OECD Health Data 2014

Health care structures are being reviewed and cost-cutting potential identified in order to contain the steadily rising **health care expenditures**. However, such measures cannot compensate for the cost pressure. Market-based elements are increasingly being introduced into the health care system to create incentives for cost- and quality-conscious behavior. Overall treatment costs will be reduced through improved quality standards. In addition, ever-greater importance is being placed on disease prevention and innovative reimbursement models linked to treatment quality standards.

<u>The dialysis market</u>

In 2014, the global **dialysis market** (products and services) was worth approximately US$ 77 billion. In constant currency, the global dialysis market grew by 4%.

The number of **dialysis patients** worldwide increased by about 6% to approximately 2.7 million in 2014. Of these, about 89% were treated with hemodialysis and approximately 11% with peritoneal dialysis. The major growth driver is the growing number of patients suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure, two diseases that often precede the onset of chronic kidney failure.

The United States, Japan, and Western and Central Europe recorded below-average growth in the number of patients in 2014. In economically weaker regions, growth was above average.

The **prevalence rate**, which is the number of people with terminal kidney failure treated per million population, differs widely from region to region. In developing countries it can be well below 100. It averages just over 1,100 in the countries of the European Union. Prevalence is very high in countries such as Japan and the United States, being well over 2,000. The significant divergence in prevalence rates is due, on the one hand, to differences in age demographics, incidence of renal risk factors, and genetic predisposition and cultural habit, such as nutrition. On the other hand, access to dialysis treatment is still limited in many countries. A great many individuals with terminal kidney failure do not receive treatment and are therefore not included in the prevalence statistics.

Dialysis care

In 2014, the global **dialysis care market** (including renal pharmaceuticals) was worth approximately US$ 63 billion.

11% of worldwide dialysis patients were treated by Fresenius Medical Care. With 3,361 dialysis clinics and 286,312 dialysis patients in over 45 countries, Fresenius Medical Care operates by far the largest and most international network of hospitals. In the United States, Fresenius Medical Care maintained its market-leading position of approximately 37% (~171,000) dialysis patients in 2014. The market for dialysis care in the United States is already highly consolidated. Taken together, Fresenius Medical Care and the second-largest provider of dialysis care – DaVita – treat over 70% of all U.S. dialysis patients.

Outside the United States, the market for dialysis care is much more fragmented. Here, Fresenius Medical Care **competes** mainly with independent clinics and with clinics that are affiliated with hospitals.

Dialysis **reimbursement systems** differ from country to country and often vary even within individual countries. The public health care programs, the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)**, cover the medical services for the majority of all dialysis patients in the United States.

Dialysis products

In 2014, the global **dialysis products market** was worth approximately US$ 14 billion.

Fresenius Medical Care is the leading provider of dialysis products in the world, with a market share of about 34%, followed by its largest **competitor,** Baxter, with 29%. Each of the other competitors, mainly from Japan, held a single-digit percentage market share. Fresenius Medical Care is the leading supplier worldwide of hemodialysis products with a market share of 38%. With a market share of 21%, Fresenius Medical Care is the second-largest provider worldwide of products for peritoneal dialysis after Baxter. In the United States, Fresenius Medical Care's share of the peritoneal dialysis market is 43%.

The market for infusion therapy and clinical nutrition, intravenously administered drugs, medical devices, and transfusion technology[1]

The global market for generic IV drugs, clinical nutrition, infusion therapy and medical devices / transfusion technology was worth about € 29 billion in 2014.

Thereof, the global **market for generic IV drugs** was worth about € 13 billion. In Europe and the United States, the market grew by about 5% to 6%. Growth is mainly achieved through new generics that are brought to market when the original drug goes off-patent. The market is characterized by moderate volume growth, steady price erosion, and fierce competition. In the United States, the most important market for Fresenius Kabi, the company is one of the leading suppliers. Competitors include Hospira, Sandoz, and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries.

The global **market for clinical nutrition** was worth about € 6 billion in 2014. In Europe, the market for clinical nutrition grew by about 3%. In the emerging markets of Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and Africa, the clinical nutrition market saw growth of up to 10%. Growth potential is offered by the often insufficient administration of nutrition therapies within patient care – although studies have demonstrated the medical and economical benefit. In cases of health or age-induced nutritional deficiencies, for example, the administration of clinical nutrition can reduce hospital costs through shorter stays and less nursing care. Estimates regarding the European Union situation indicate that as many as 20 million individuals are at risk for malnutrition. In the market for clinical nutrition, Fresenius Kabi is one of the leading companies worldwide. In parenteral nutrition, the company is the leading supplier worldwide. In the market for enteral nutrition, Fresenius Kabi is one of the leading suppliers in Europe.

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[1] Market data refer to Fresenius Kabi's relevant and addressable markets. Those are subject to annual volatility due to currency fluctuations and patent expiries of original drugs in the IV drug market, among other things.

Sources: Company research, German Society for Nutritional Medicine (DGEM) 2009; Ljungqvist O., Clin Nutr 2010, 29:149-150

In parenteral nutrition, competitors include Baxter and B. Braun. In the market for enteral nutrition, Fresenius Kabi competes with, among others, Abbott, Danone and Nestlé. Fresenius Kabi considers its global **market for infusion therapy** to have been worth about € 5 billion in 2014. In Europe, the market remained at prior year's level in 2014. Growth in the standard solutions business could not fully offset the sales decline in blood volume substitutes. In the regions Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and Africa, the market grew by 4%. Infusion therapies, such as elektrolytes, are standard medical products to hospitals worldwide. Market growth is mainly driven by increasing product demand in the emerging markets. Fresenius Kabi is the market leader in **infusion therapy** in Europe. Competitors include Baxter and B. Braun.

We estimate that the global **market for medical devices/ transfusion technology** to be worth about € 5 billion in 2014, including about € 3 billion for medical devices and about € 2 billion for transfusion technology. The market for medical devices worldwide grew by about 4% in 2014, while the market for transfusion technology showed growth of about 1% to 2%. In the medical devices market, the main growth drivers are technical innovations that focus on application safety and therapy efficiency. In the transfusion technology market, growth is driven by increased demand in emerging markets. Moreover, growth is driven by the growing demand for plasma-collection devices. Reduced demand for blood bags and related price reductions have a negative effect. In the medical devices segment, Fresenius Kabi ranks among the leading suppliers worldwide. International competitors include Baxter, B. Braun, CareFusion, and Hospira. In transfusion technology, Fresenius Kabi is one of the world's leading companies. Competitors include Haemonetics and Terumo. In all product segments, Fresenius Kabi also competes with smaller local providers.

The German hospital market

In 2013[1] , the market of acute care hospitals in Germany was about € 87 billion[2]. Personnel costs accounted for about 61% of hospital costs, and material costs for 38%. Personnel and material costs each rose by approximately 4%.

Through the increase in admissions, the organic growth of the acute care hospital market was around 1%. In addition, potential for growth for private hospital operators arises from hospital acquisitions or privatization.

The financial situation at hospitals in Germany remained difficult in 2013, despite a slight easing. 42% of all hospitals reported a loss at year-end (2012: 51%). The difficult economic and financial situation is often accompanied by significant **investment needs**. This is due, in large part, to an investment backlog that has accumulated because, in the past, the federal states failed to meet their statutory obligation to finance necessary investments and major maintenance measures sufficiently due to budget

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[1] Most recent data available on the German hospital market from German Federal Statistical Office

[2] Total costs, gross of the German hospitals less academic research and teaching

Sources: German Federal Statistical Office 2014; German Hospital Institute (DKI), Krankenhaus Barometer 2014; OECD Health Data 2014; Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI), Krankenhaus Rating Report 2014 constraints. At the same time, investment needs are driven by technological advances, higher quality requirements, and necessary modernizations. Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI) estimates that the investment gap at German hospitals is about € 37 billion.

The **number of hospitals** in 2013 was 1,996 and the **number of beds** was 500,671. For further figures on the German hospital market please see the table below.

Fresenius Helios is the leading hospital operator in Germany, with a market share of about 6 %. The hospitals of Fresenius Helios compete mainly with individual hospitals or local and regional hospital associations. Among private hospital chains, our main competitors are Asklepios, Rhön-Klinikum, and Sana Kliniken.

For the increase in **reimbursements of hospital treatments** the so-called change in value figure is relevant. It is used to compensate for rising costs in the hospital market, particularly with regard to personnel and material costs. The change in value figure is determined each year again for the following year. For the year 2014 it was 2.81%.

In 2013, the **post-acute care market** in Germany comprised of 1,187 clinics with a total of 166,889 **beds**. Of these, nearly two-thirds (65.2%) were in private preventive or post-acute care clinics, 16.3% were in independent non-profit clinics, and 18.5% in public clinics. The number of treated patients decreased nationwide by about 11,000 to 1.95 million. The average length of stay declined slightly and was 25.3 days (2012: 25.5 days).

<u>The market for projects and services for hospitals and other health care facilities</u>

The **market for projects and services for hospitals and other health care facilities** is very fragmented. Therefore, an overall market size cannot be determined. The market is country-specific and depends, to a large extent, on factors such as public health care policies, government regulation, levels of privatization, economic conditions, and demographics.

In **markets with established health care systems** and mounting cost pressure, the challenge for hospitals and other health care facilities is to increase their efficiency. Here, demand is especially high for sustainable planning and energy-efficient construction, optimized hospital processes, and the outsourcing of medical-technical support services to external specialists. This enables hospitals to concentrate on their core competency – treating patients. In **emerging markets**, the focus is on building and developing infrastructure and improving the level of health care.

Fresenius Vamed is one of the world's leading companies in this market. The company has no **competitors** that cover its comprehensive portfolio of services across the entire life cycle worldwide. Competitors offer only parts of Fresenius Vamed's service portfolio. Depending on the service, the company competes with international companies and consortia as well as with smaller local providers.

Overall business development

The management Board’s assessment of the effect of general economic developments and those in the health care sector for Fresenius

Overall, the development of the world economy had an only negligible impact on our industry in 2014. On the whole, the health care sector, both in mature and growth markets, developed positively, with continued increasing demand for health services. This had a positive effect on our business development.

The management Board’s assessment of the business results and significant factors affecting operating performance

The Management Board is of the opinion that the Fresenius Group’s performance in 2014 was successful. Fresenius Medical Care achieved organic sales growth of 5%. Despite the rebasing of Medicare´s reimbursement rate in the United States, Fresenius Medical Care´s EBIT was at the previous year‵s level. Fresenius Kabi achieved organic sales growth of 4% and EBIT[1] of € 873 million. EBIT[1] was influenced by the lower sales of HES blood volume substitutes as well as by the easing of IV drug shortages in the United States. Fresenius Helios increased sales by 55%. The strong increase was mainly due to the first-time consolidation of the acquired hospitals from Rhön-Klinikum AG. The integration of the acquired hospitals is progressing as planned. Organic sales growth of Fresenius Helios was 4%. The company increased EBIT[2] significantly by 42 % to € 553 million. Fresenius Vamed increased sales slightly by 2%. Due to project delays in Russia and Ukraine organic sales growth was flat. EBIT grew by 7 % to € 59 million.

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[1] Before special items
[2] 2014 before special items

Results of operations, financial position, assets and liabilities

Results of operations

Net income of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA in the fiscal year 2014 was €478million (2013: €433 million). The increase in net income mainly results from higher income from participations and transfers of profits. All the following companies have profit and loss transfer agreements with Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA: Fresenius Kabi AG, Fresenius ProServe GmbH, Fresenius Biotech Beteiligungs GmbH, Fresenius Versicherungsvermittlungs GmbH and Hygieneplan GmbH.

The profit and loss transfer agreement with Fresenius Kabi AG yielded earnings of €206million (2013: €149 million).

Fresenius ProServe GmbH contributed with earnings of €335million (2013: €263 million) to the net income from participations. Included were positive one-time effects from the sale of two Helios hospitals as well as from the sale of shares of Rhön-Klinikum AG.

Other significant income from participations came from a €73million Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA dividend (2013: €71 million).

In addition to earnings from dividends and from profit and loss transfer agreements, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA receives other operating income from rents and from providing services. Operating income also includes €131million (2013: €98 million) of foreign currency gains while €132 million (2013: €96 million) of foreign currency losses are included in other operating expenses.

The General Partner and Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA will propose a dividend increase to the Annual General Meeting. For 2014, a dividend of €0.44 per ordinary share is proposed. This is an increase of 6%. The total dividend distribution will increase by 6% to €283.3 million (2013: €224.6 million).

Cash flow statement

	2014	2013
	million €	million €
Net Income	478	433
Depreciation and amortization of non-current assets and financial assets	5	84
Increase in pension liabilities	5	3
Earnings from the sale of investments	-15	0
Cash flow	**473**	**520**
Decrease/Increase in accruals for income taxes and other accrued expenses	20	-50
Increase in trade accounts payable	-4	1
Increase/Decrease in other operating assets and liabilities	-10	8
Decrease / Increase in working capital	**6**	**-41**
Net Cash provided by operating activities	**479**	**479**
Payments for purchasing shares of subsidiaries, equity contributions to subsidiaries and investments in financial assets	-7	-144
Proceeds from sale of shares in subsidiaries	74	102
Payments for investments in intangible assets and property plant and equipment	-3	-2
Net Cash used in investing activities	**64**	**-44**
Dividends paid	-225	-196
Proceeds from bank loans	1,045	2,307
Repayment of bank loans	-2,182	-196
Change in financing activities with related parties	996	-2,413
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	45	68
Net Cash used in / provided by financing activities	**-321**	**-430**
Change of cash and cash equivalents	**222**	**5**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	59	54
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	281	59

The following paragraphs "financial position" and "investments, divestments and acquisitions" describe material positions of the cash flow statements in more detail.

Fresenius believes that its existing credit facilities, as well as the operating cash flows, income from transfer agreements and additional sources of short-term funding, are sufficient to meet the company's foreseeable liquidity needs. More information on credit facilities can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

As of December 31, 2014, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA complied with the covenants under all the credit agreements.

<u>Financial position</u>

Total assets of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA increased by €1,367 million to €11,319 million (2013: €9,952 million).

On the asset side, receivables from related parties decreased from €4,399 million to €2,502 million. This decrease is mainly the result of loan repayments in relation with the acquisition of hospitals from Rhön-Kliniken-AG: in 2013 Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA issued loans to several companies of the Fresenius Group under a fiduciary arrangement to finance advances of €2,178 million for the acquisition of hospitals from Rhön-Kliniken-AG. In 2014 Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA contributed these loans to the capital reserve of Fresenius ProServe GmbH.

Financial assets increased from €5,388 thousand to €8,373 thousand mainly due to contributions of intercompany loans of €3,010 million to the capital reserve of Fresenius ProServe GmbH in connection with the acquisition of hospitals of Rhön- Klinikum AG.

On the liability side, bank debt decreased from €2,707 million to €1,070 million and accounts payable to related parties increased from €1,930 million to €4,068 million mainly due to movements related with the acquisition of hospitals from Rhön-Klinikum AG. Furthermore Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA placed €500 million equity-neutral convertible bonds.

The €1,500 million and the €500 million raised with the Bridge Financing Facility and Commercial Paper issuance respectively in 2013 that were used to finance the advances for the acquisition of hospitals from Rhön-Klinikum AG were repaid in 2014.

In 2014 the following financing transactions took place to refinance the repayments as well as to fund outstanding payments for the acquisition of hospitals from Rhön-Klinikum AG in a total amount of €3.0 billion:

- Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA issued Euro Notes in the amount of €500 million. Part of this issuance was used to repay liabilities against Fresenius Finance BV which resulted from the issuance of Euro Notes issued in 2008.

- Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA placed €500 million of equity-neutral convertible bonds.

- Fresenius Finance BV issued three unsecured Senior Notes for a total amount of €1,200 million. The proceeds were on-lent as intercompany loan to Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA.

- Fresenius US Finance II Inc. issued US$300 million of unsecured Senior Notes. The proceeds were on-lent as intercompany loan to Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA.

- Fresenius Finance II BV increased the loans borrowed under the 2013 Senior Credit Agreement by €900 million. The proceeds were on-lent as intercompany loan to Fresenius SE und Co. KGaA. In the course of the year 2014, the loans under the 2013 Senior Credit Agreement were reduced by €116 million following the repayment plan and resulting in a decrease of the corresponding intercompany loans.

Accruals for income taxes have increased by €20 million mainly due to additions from an increase in taxable income for 2014 and the years before as result of an extraordinary effect in a tax-group-subsidiary within an international tax context.

Furthermore the increase in other liabilities results from, among others, crediting €46 million for the derivative embedded in the convertible bond. Stock options (call options) to secure against future fair value fluctuations of this derivative are included in other assets.

The equity ratio decreased from 52.0% to 48.4%.

<u>Investments, divestments and acquisitions</u>

Total investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets were €2 million in 2014.

Changes in the financial assets in the fiscal year 2014 are as follows:

In June 2014, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA sold its stake of GIF (Luxembourg) Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable-SIF.

In Mai 2014 Fresenius SE &Co. KGaA acquired a 100% participation in Fresenius Konzernfinanzierung Erste GmbH and in Fresenius Konzernfinanzierung Zweite GmbH.

In May 2014 Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA sold shares of Rhön-Klinikum AG with a book value of €49,526 million to Fresenius ProServe GmbH at a profit of €16 million.

In December 2014 the company Fresenius Finance I S.A. was liquidated after termination of its business activities.

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA increased the capital reserve of Fresenius ProServe GmbH by contributing intercompany loans of €3,010 million in connection with the acquisition of hospitals from Rhön-Klinikum AG. Futhermore it paid €5,4 million and €1,8 million in the capital reserves of Fresenius US Finance II Inc. and Fresenius US Finance II BV, respectively.

Subsequent events

On January 16, 2015, Standard & Poor's upgraded the corporate credit rating of Fresenius from BB+ to BBB- with a stable outlook. The upgrade reflects Fresenius' enhanced stability – derived from overall critical mass coupled with sound diversification and leading positions in non-cyclical markets – rather than a shift in its financial policy.

On February 12, 2015, Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA refinanced the revolving credit facilities and the term loan A tranches under the 2013 Senior Credit Agreement in a total amount of approximately €3 billion. The maturity was extended by two years to June 28, 2020.

Besides the items mentioned, there were no significant changes in the Fresenius Group's operating environment following the close of fiscal year 2014. No other events of material importance on the assets and liabilities, financial position, and results of operations of the Group have occurred after the close of the year.

Overall assessment of the business situation

At the time this Group Management Report was prepared, the Management Board continued to assess the development of the Fresenius Group as positive. Demand for our products and services continues to grow steadily around the world. Operating performance in the first weeks of 2015 has been in line with our expectations.

Outlook

This Management Report contains forward-looking statements, including statements on future sales, expenses, and investments, as well as potential changes in the health care sector, our competitive environment, and our financial situation. These statements were made on the basis of the expectations and assessments of the Management Board regarding events that could affect the Company in the future, and on the basis of our mid-term planning. Such forward-looking statements are subject, as a matter of course, to risks, uncertainties, assumptions, and other factors, so that the actual results, including the financial position and profitability of Fresenius, could therefore differ materially – positively or negatively – from those expressly or implicitly assumed or described in these statements. For further information, please see our Opportunities and Risk Report on pages 26 ff.

General and mid-term outlook

The outlook for the Fresenius Group for the coming years continues to be positive. We are continuously striving to optimize our costs, to adjust our capacities to be able to treat patients and supply customers reliably, and to improve our product mix as well as to expand our products and services business. We expect these efforts to increase our earnings in the coming years. In addition, good growth opportunities for Fresenius are, above all, presented by the following factors:

- The sustained **growth of the markets** in which we operate: Fresenius sees still very good opportunities to benefit from the growing health care needs arising from aging populations and technical advances, but driven also by the still insufficient access to health care in the developing and emerging countries. There are above-average growth opportunities for us not only in the markets of Asia and Latin America, but also in Eastern Europe. Efficient health care systems with appropriate reimbursement structures will evolve over time in these countries, as economic conditions improve. We will strengthen our activities in these regions and introduce further products from our portfolio into these markets successively.

- The **expansion of our regional presence**: The fast-growing markets in Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and Eastern Europe especially offer further potential for increasing our market shares. China, for instance, offers excellent growth opportunities over the long term, not only in infusion and nutrition therapies, IV drugs, and medical devices for Fresenius Kabi, but also for Fresenius Medical Care in dialysis. We plan to further roll out products and therapies from our existing portfolio in countries where we do not yet offer a comprehensive range.

- The **broadening of our services business**: For Fresenius Medical Care, opportunities to extend into new markets or to expand its market share arise if a country opens up to private dialysis providers or allows cooperation between public and private providers through public private-partnerships. Whether or not private companies can offer dialysis treatment, and in what form, depends on the health care system of the country in which they operate and its legal framework. We see developments in this regard in Germany, China, and India, among other countries. In addition to dialysis products and the treatment of dialysis patients, Fresenius Medical Care sees significant growth potential in the future in medical services related to dialysis and in expanding the coordination of care. This includes laboratory services, the supply of the necessary vascular access devices, and in-patient care of dialysis patients, among other things. Comprehensive integrated care from a single provider should ensure better-coordinated and controlled treatment steps and minimize complications, thus helping prevent additional hospitalization to the greatest degree possible. The goal, then, is to further increase the quality of care and to reduce the overall cost of treatment. With the acquisition of hospitals from Rhön-Klinikum AG, Fresenius Helios has an extensive nationwide hospital network. Based on this platform, Fresenius Helios aims to develop and offer innovative, integrated care offerings.

- The **broadening of our products business:** At Fresenius Medical Care, we see renal pharmaceuticals as growth drivers. They complement our dialysis portfolio and add to the horizontal expansion of our portfolio. They offer further growth potential in line with our strategic goals and the growing trend to offering more integrated care. At Fresenius Kabi, we plan to expand our IV drugs product business. We develop generic drug formulations that are ready to launch at the time of market formation, directly after the patents of the branded products expire.

- The **development of innovative products and therapies**: These will create the potential to further expand our market position in the regions. In addition to innovation, best-in-class quality, reliability, and the convenience of our products and therapies are key factors here. In our dialysis business, we expect home therapies to gain further importance, leading to growth potential for Fresenius Medical Care. Home dialysis and the corresponding technologies and products will continue to be a major focus of our R & D activities. In addition, Fresenius Kabi is developing new dosage forms for its products.

- **Selective acquisitions**: Besides retaining organic sales growth as the basis for our business, we will continue to utilize opportunities to grow by making small and mid-sized acquisitions that expand our product portfolio and strengthen our regional presence.

We are also exploiting any **opportunities for tapping potential** within our operations for cost-management and efficiency-enhancement measures. These include plans for cost-efficient production and a further-optimized procurement process. Thus, Fresenius Medical Care launched a global efficiency program in 2014. This program is intended to increase the efficiency of the entire organization and enhance competitiveness and investment capacity. The program is expected to produce cost savings of US$ 300 million per year by 2017.

The outlook takes account of all events known at the time the annual financial statements were prepared that could influence our operating performance in 2015 and beyond. Significant risks are discussed in the Risk Report. As in the past, we will do our utmost to achieve and – if possible – exceed our targets.

Future markets

We expect the consolidation process to continue among competitors in our markets in Europe, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America. Consequently, we expect that there will be opportunities for us to penetrate new markets, both by expanding our regional presence and by extending our product portfolio.

New markets will open up as **Fresenius Medical Care** successively rolls out its product and services portfolio, especially in emerging countries. In addition, Fresenius Medical Care continues to expand its Care Coordination business with services related to dialysis. With Care Coordination, Fresenius Medical Care can address the needs of patients even more comprehensively.

Fresenius Kabi plans to introduce products already offered outside the United States into that country as well. It also aims to further roll out its product portfolio internationally, especially in the fast-growing markets of Asia-Pacific and Latin America.

With its extended hospital network across Germany, **Fresenius Helios** is now able to develop new patient care models. In addition, the company expects that there will be further growth opportunities arising from privatizations in the German hospital market.

Fresenius Vamed is expecting to grow in the life cycle and public-private-partnership (PPP) project areas, both with regard to the project and the services business. Moreover, the company intends to further expand its position with follow-up orders, as well as to enter new target markets.

Health care sector and markets

The health care sector is considered to be widely independent of economic cycles. The demand, especially for life-saving and life-sustaining products and services, is expected to increase, given that they are medically needed and the population is aging. Moreover, medical advances and the large number of diseases that are still difficult to cure – or are incurable – are expected to remain growth drivers.

In the emerging countries, the availability of basic health care and the growing demand for high-quality medical treatment is increasing. As per-capita income increases, individuals increasingly have to cope with the illnesses associated with lifestyle diseases.

On the other hand, experts estimate that further financial constraints in the public sector could result in more pricing pressure and a slowdown in revenue for companies in the health care industry. Some countries are experiencing significant financing problems in the health care sector due to the strained public finance situation. Especially in the industrialized countries, increased pressure to encourage saving can be expected as health care costs constitute a large portion of the budget.

It will be increasingly important for companies to increase patient benefit, to improve treatment quality, and to offer preventive therapies. In addition, especially those products and therapies that are not only medically but also economically advantageous will be of increasing importance.

Industry experts believe that, despite all challenges, the sector will also see a comparatively solid financial performance in the foreseeable future.

The dialysis market

The **global dialysis market** is expected to growth by about 4% at constant exchange rates, to approximately US$ 80 billion in 2015.

The number of dialysis patients worldwide is expected to rise by approximately 6% in 2015, although significant regional differences will remain. For the United States, Japan, and the countries of Central and Western Europe, where prevalence is already relatively high, we forecast patient growth in the region of 1% to 4%. In economically weaker regions, the growth rates are even higher with values of up to 10%, and in some countries even more. We expect a higher population of dialysis patients in Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. The fact that more than 80% of the world's population lives in these regions underscores the strong growth potential for the entire spectrum of dialysis services and products.

Factors such as aging populations and the growing number of people suffering from diabetes and hypertension, which are ailments often preceding terminal kidney failure, are contributing toward continued growth of the dialysis markets. The age expectancy of dialysis patients is also rising thanks to ongoing advances in treatment quality and the rising standard of living, especially in the emerging countries. Therefore, a continuing increase in the worldwide prevalence can be expected.

Source: Bank research

The market for infusion therapies and clinical nutrition, generic IV drugs, medical devices, and transfusion technology[1]

We expect the global market for generic IV drugs, clinical nutrition, infusion therapy, and medical devices/ transfusion technology to grow by approximately 4% in 2015.

The **market for generics IV drugs** in Europe and the United States is expected to grow by about 5% in 2015. The demand for generic drugs is likely to grow because of their significantly lower price. The growth dynamic will continue to be driven by originator drugs going off-patent. A factor working in the opposite direction is the price erosion for generic drugs that are already in the market.

Growth of about 3% is expected for the **clinical nutrition market** in Europe in 2015. However, given the financial constraints in these countries, the efforts to contain costs in the health care sector are being pursued undiminished. Continued high growth potential is projected in Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and Africa. We expect growth of up to 10% in selected regions.

We expect the **market for infusion therapy** in Europe to remain at the prior year's level in 2015. Besides a stagnating blood volume substitutes market due to restrictions imposed on the use of these products, continuous price pressure in the tender-driven standard-solutions business is expected to affect growth. Outside Europe, growth of up to 4% is expected.

The worldwide market for **medical devices / transfusion technology** is expected to grow by up to 3% in 2015.

The German hospital market

We expect the acute care hospital market in Germany to again grow slightly in 2015. Admissions are forecast to increase by approximately 1%.

For the increase in **reimbursements of hospital treatments** the so-called change in value figure is relevant. For 2015 it was set at 2.53%. In addition, the hospital funding system provides for various increases and reductions for acute hospitals. For example, a reduction of 25% had to be accepted for surplus services previously agreed upon with the health insurance companies. A reduction of 65% applies to surplus services not agreed upon. To compensate the reduction, a 0.8% extra charge on invoiced hospital treatments is provided. We expect the effect of the compensations, reduced by the reductions for extra services, to have a slightly positive impact on the result of HELIOS in 2015.

In December 2014, a benchmark paper for hospital reform was presented. It stipulates that in the future, planning and compensation in the hospital sector should be geared more toward the quality of medicine, among other factors. So far, however, no specifics

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[1] Market data refer to Fresenius Kabi's relevant and addressable markets. Those are subject to annual volatility due to currency fluctuations and patent expiries of original drugs in the IV drug market, among others

Source: Company research

regarding this reform have been determined. Thanks to its clear focus on the quality and transparency of medical results, the HELIOS Group would be well prepared for such a development.

Despite higher revenues, the **expectations of the hospitals** are rather pessimistic with respect to their economic situation in 2015. According to the Krankenhaus-Barometer 2014 survey by the German Hospital Institute (DKI), almost 40% of the hospitals expect their economic situation to worsen. Specifically personnel costs will be a burden due to tariff increases. Moreover, investment needs are growing while government support is declining.Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI) forecasts that more hospitals will respond to economic pressures by joining together into networks and bundling their services. Networks offer opportunities for individual hospitals to reduce costs, for example in purchasing.

We therefore anticipate that privatization and consolidation will continue in the German hospital market.

<u>The market for projects and services for hospitals and other health care facilities</u>

For 2015, we expect the worldwide demand for projects and services for hospitals and other health care facilities to grow at a low single-digit rate.

In the Central European **markets with established health care systems**, we expect solid growth. The demand for projects and services for hospitals and other health care facilities will continue to grow due to demographic changes and the rising investment and modernization needs of public health facilities. The focus is on services ranging from the maintenance and repair of medical and hospital equipment, facility management, and technical operation, through to total operational management and infrastructure process optimization – especially within the framework of public-private partnership (PPP) models. Additional growth opportunities are presented by an increasing number of non-medical services, which are outsourced from public facilities to private service providers.

In the **emerging markets** we anticipate an overall dynamic development. Growth in markets such as Africa, Latin America, and southeast Asia will initially be driven by the demand for efficient, needs-oriented medical care. In China and the Middle East, growth will be driven by the development of infrastructure and the creation of new care services, as well as research and training facilities.

Economic outlook of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA for the year 2015

For the fiscal year 2015 the company expects a somewhat lower contribution to earnings from dividends and profit and loss transfers, due to the positive one-time effects from the sale of two Helios hospitals as well as from the sale of shares of Rhön-Klinikum AG in 2014. Retained earnings are expected to increase slightly.

Source: Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI), Krankenhaus Rating Report 2013

Dividend

The dividend increases provided by Fresenius in the last 21 years show impressive continuity. Our dividend policy aims to align dividends with earnings per share growth (before special items) and thus broadly maintains a pay-out ratio of 20% to 25%. Based on our positive earnings forecast, we expect to offer our shareholders an earnings-linked dividend.

Opportunities and risk report

The Fresenius Group is exposed to a number of risks due to the complexity and the dynamics of its business. These risks are inevitable consequences of entrepreneurial activities. The willingness to take risks has to be accommodated if opportunities are to be exploited.

As a provider of products and services for the severely and chronically ill, we are relatively independent of economic cycles. The diversification into four business segments, which operate in different segments of the health care market, and the global footprint further minimize the Group's risk profile. Our experience, as well as our strong market positions, serve as a solid basis for a reliable assessment of risks.

At the same time, we will continue to take advantage of the wide-ranging opportunities for sustainable growth and expansion that the health care market offers to the Fresenius Group.

Opportunities management

Managing opportunities is an ongoing, integral part of corporate activity aimed at securing the Company's long-term success. In this way, we can explore new prospects and consolidate and improve on what we have already achieved. The Group's decentralized and regional organizational and management structure enables the early identification and analysis of trends, requirements, and opportunities in our often fragmented markets; and we can respond to them flexibly and in line with local market needs. Furthermore, we maintain regular contact and dialogue with research groups and scientific institutions, and keep a close watch on markets and competitors in order to identify opportunities. Within the Group, opportunities and synergies can be exploited through continuous communication involving the exchange of information and know-how between the business segments. Anticipated future opportunities for the Fresenius Group are discussed in the Outlook starting on page 20.

Risk management

The risk management is also a continuous process. Identifying, controlling, and managing risks are key tools of solid corporate governance. The **Fresenius risk management system** is closely linked to the corporate strategy. Opportunities are not recognized in the risk management system.

Responsibilities for the processes and monitoring risks in the business segments have been assigned as follows:

- Using standardized processes, risk situations are evaluated regularly and compared with specified requirements. If negative developments emerge, responses can be initiated at an early stage.

- The managers responsible are required to report any relevant changes in the risk profile to the Management Board without delay.

- Markets are kept under constant observation and close contact is maintained with customers, suppliers, and institutions. These policies allow us to swiftly identify and react to changes in our business environment.

The risk management system is supported both at Group level and in the business segments by our **risk controlling measures** and our **management information system**. Detailed monthly and quarterly reports are used to identify and analyze deviations of the actual compared to the planned business development. In addition, the risk management system comprises a **control system** that oversees organizational processes and measures, as well as internal controls and audits, with which we can identify significant risks at an early stage and counteract each one individually.

The functionality and effectiveness of our risk management system is reviewed regularly by the Management Board and the internal auditing department. Conclusions arising from the audits are taken into account in the ongoing refinement of the system, to allow prompt reaction to changes in our environment. This system has thus far proved effective. The control system is also regularly reviewed by the Management Board and the internal auditing department. Moreover, the external auditor reviews whether the control system set up by the Management Board is suitable for the early identification of risks that would put the continued existence of the Company in danger. The insights gained from the audit regarding the internal financial reporting controls are taken into account in the continued development of the system.

Fresenius has ensured that the scope and focus of the organizational structure and systems for identifying, assessing, and controlling risks, and for developing countermeasures and for the avoidance of risks, are aligned suitably with the Company-specific requirements and that they are properly functional. However, there can be no absolute certainty that this will enable all risks to be fully identified and controlled.

Internal financial reporting controls

Numerous measures and internal controls assure the correctness and reliability of accounting processes and financial reporting, and thus preparation of annual financial statements, consolidated financial statements, and management reports in compliance with applicable principles.

Our **four-tier reporting process** especially promotes intensive discussion and ensures control of the financial results. At each reporting level,

- local entity
- region
- business segment
- Group

financial data and key figures are reported, discussed, and compared on a regular monthly basis with the prior-year figures, budget, and latest forecast. In addition, all parameters, assumptions, and estimates that are of relevance for the externally reported Group and segment results are discussed intensively with the department responsible for preparing the Group's consolidated financial statements. These matters are also reviewed and discussed quarterly by the Supervisory Board's Audit Committee.

Control mechanisms, such as automated and manual reconciliation procedures, are further precautions put in place to assure that financial reporting is reliable and that transactions are correctly accounted for. All consolidated entities report according to Group-wide standards, which are determined at the head office. These are regularly adjusted to allow for changes made to the accounting regulations. The consolidation proposals are supported by the IT system. In this context, reference is made to the comprehensive consolidation of internal Group balances. To prevent abuse, we take care to maintain a strict separation of functions. Management control and evaluations also help to ensure that risks having a direct impact on financial reporting are identified and that controls are in place to minimize them. Moreover, changes in accounting principles are monitored and employees involved in financial reporting are instructed regularly and comprehensively. External experts and specialists are engaged if necessary. The Treasury, Tax, Controlling, and Legal departments are involved in supporting the preparation of the financial statements. Finally, the information provided is verified once again by the department responsible for preparing the consolidated financial statements.

Fresenius Medical Care is subject to the controls of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Risk areas

The main risk areas for the operations of the Fresenius Group are as follows:

General economic risks and risks in the general operating framework

At present, the development of the global economy exhibits no significant risk to the Fresenius Group. In 2015, we largely expect overall economic growth to continue. Moreover, Fresenius is affected only to a small extent by general economic fluctuations. We expect demand for our life-saving and life-sustaining products and services to continue to grow. Furthermore, Fresenius is striving for the firm balance of its business in the main regions and between established and emerging markets.

The risk situation for each business segment also depends on the development of its markets. Country-specific political, legal, and financial conditions are therefore monitored and evaluated carefully, particularly in the current macro economic environment. This applies, for example, to countries with budget problems as a result of the sovereign debt crisis, in particular with regard to our accounts receivables.

Risks in the health care sector

Risks related to **changes in the health care market** are of major importance to the Fresenius Group. The main risks are the development of new products and therapies and increased product availability at competitors, the financing of health care systems, and reimbursement in the health care sector.

In our largely regulated business environment, changes in the law – also with respect to reimbursement – can have decisive consequences for our business progress. This applies especially in the United States where a large portion of our sales are generated, and where changes in the reimbursement system, for example, could have a considerable impact on our business. Furthermore, a portion of our dialysis care business in the United States is currently reimbursed by private insurers or managed care organizations. If these organizations enforce reductions in the reimbursement, it would significantly reduce the revenues and earnings for the products and services of Fresenius Medical Care.

The same applies to the hospital market in Germany, where the DRG system (Diagnosis Related Groups) is intended to increase the efficiency of hospitals while reducing health care spending. The Company constantly monitors legislative developments as well as discussions about ending dual financing in the hospital sector. Patients are largely assigned to hospitals by the public health and pension insurers. It is therefore important for Fresenius Helios that the contracts between its hospitals and the insurers and health care institutions are maintained. We not only monitor legislative changes continually, but also work together with governmental health care institutions.

Reductions in health care spending could also negatively affect the **pricing** of Fresenius Kabi products.

Generally, our aim is to counter possible regulatory risks through enhanced performance and cost reductions.

In the United States, almost all Fresenius Kabi injectable pharmaceutical products are sold to customers through arrangements with **group purchasing organizations (GPOs)** and distributors. The majority of hospitals undertake contracts with the GPO of their choice for their purchasing needs. Currently, fewer than five GPOs control a large majority of sales in the United States to hospital customers. Fresenius Kabi currently derives a large percentage of its revenue in the United States through a small number of GPOs, and expects to continue to do so in the future. Fresenius Kabi has purchasing agreements with the major GPOs. To maintain these business relationships, Fresenius Kabi believes it needs to be a reliable supplier, offer a comprehensive high-quality product line, remain price-competitive, and comply with the regulations of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The GPOs also have purchasing agreements with other manufacturers and the bidding process for products is highly competitive. Most of the agreements Fresenius has with GPOs in the United States can be terminated at short- or mid-term notice. The main customers in the area of transfusion technology are plasma companies and blood centers. There are four major plasma companies serving the United States. Blood centers in the United States are consolidating in response to blood-conservation efforts at hospitals, which is having an effect on pricing.

Cooperation with medical doctors and scientists allows us to identify and support relevant technological innovations and to keep abreast of developments in alternative treatment methods. These enable us to evaluate and adjust our corporate strategy if necessary.

<u>Operating risks</u>

Our business and operations around the world are exposed to a number of **risks** and to extensive **regulation**, which include, among others:

- the quality, safety, and efficacy of medical and pharmaceutical products, supplies, and therapies
- the operation of hospitals, manufacturing facilities, and laboratories
- the construction and management of health care facilities
- the rate of, and accurate reporting and billing for, government and third-party reimbursement
- compensation of medical directors and other financial arrangements with physicians and other referral sources.

If Fresenius fails to comply with laws or regulations, this may give rise to a number of legal consequences, including monetary and administrative penalties, increased compliance costs, complete or partial exclusion from governmental programs, or a complete or partial curtailment of our authorization to conduct business. Any of these consequences could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

In the following, the main risks for the Fresenius Group are described.

Production, products, and services

Compliance with **product and manufacturing regulations** is ensured by our quality management systems in accordance with the internationally recognized quality standard ISO 9001, reflecting a large number of national and international regulations. Application is ensured by internal standards such as quality and work procedure manuals. Regular internal and external audits are carried out at the Group's production sites, distribution companies, and dialysis clinics. These audits test compliance with regulations in all areas – from management and administration to production and clinical services and patient satisfaction. Our production facilities comply with the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) of the markets they supply. Our facilities are audited by the FDA and other public authorities. If observations are filed, the Company is required to remedy these issues immediately, as during the inspections of our U.S. production facility in Grand Island or our production facility in Kalyani, India, for example.

Non-compliance with the requirements of these authorities in our production facilities or at our suppliers could lead to regulatory actions such as warnings, product recalls, production interruptions, monetary sanctions, or delays in new product approvals. Any of these regulatory actions could adversely affect our ability to generate sales and result in significant expenses.

Potential risks, such as those arising from the **start-up of new production sites or the introduction of new technologies**, are countered through careful planning, regular analysis, and continual progress reviews. **Production capacities** at some of our manufacturing plants could be adversely affected by events such as technical failures, natural disasters, regulatory rulings, or supply disruptions, e. g., of raw materials.

We counter the risk of **poor-quality** purchased raw materials, semifinished products, and components mainly by requiring our suppliers to meet strict quality standards. Besides certification by external institutes and regular supplier audits, this includes an exhaustive evaluation of advance samples and regular quality controls. We only purchase high-quality products with proven safety and suitability from qualified suppliers that conform to our specifications and standards.

Performing **medical treatments** on patients in our hospitals, rehabilitation clinics, and dialysis clinics presents inherent risks. For example, disruptions to processes involve risks for patients and the clinic. In addition, there are operational risks, for example regarding hygiene and sterile conditions. We counteract these risks with strict operating procedures, continuous personnel training, and patient-oriented working procedures. Furthermore, we are constantly striving to improve the standard of patient treatment through our quality management systems.

Further risks arise from increasing **pressure on our product prices**, for example in tender businesses. On the **procurement side**, we counter risks – which mainly involve possible price increases and the availability of raw materials and goods – by appropriately selecting and working together with our suppliers through long-term framework agreements in certain purchasing segments and by bundling volumes within the Group.

Under the Medicare bundled reimbursement system, payment for Erythropoietin stimulating agents (ESA) is generally included in the bundled rate. An interruption of supply or material increases in the utilization or acquisition costs for ESAs could materially affect sales and profitability adversely.

Growing **competition**, among other things induced by the reentry of competitors in the US market for generic IV drugs after production halts**,** could materially affect the future pricing and sale of our products and services adversely. The introduction of new products and services, or the development of new technologies by competitors, could render one or more of our products and services less competitive or even obsolete, and thus have a significant negative impact on future sales, the prices of products, and our range of services. This includes the introduction of generic or patented drugs by competitors, which may have an impact on sales and operational results.

Generally, the health care markets are characterized by price pressure, competition, and efforts to **contain costs**. These could result in lower sales and adversely affect our business, our financial position, and our operational results.

We counter the risks associated with Fresenius Vamed's **project business** through professional project management and control, and with a proven system tailored to each business activity for identifying, evaluating, and minimizing these risks. This system consists of organizational measures, such as standards for pricing-in risks already when preparing quotations, risk assessment before accepting orders, regular project controlling, and continual risk assessment updates. To avert the risk of default, financial measures are taken, such as checking creditworthiness and, usually, prepayments, letters of credit, and secured credits.

Our operations are subject to strict governmental regulatory demands and controls. We must comply with these rules and regulations, which monitor particularly the safety and effectiveness of our medical products and services. Therefore, it is of special importance to us that our **compliance programs** and guidelines are adhered to. Through compliance, we aim to meet our own expectations and those of our partners, and to orient our business activities to generally accepted standards and local laws and regulations.

The Corporate Compliance department reports to the **Chief Compliance Officer**, who is the Management Board member for Legal Affairs, Compliance, and Human Resources, and is accountable for establishing and implementing guidelines and procedures. A compliance officer has been appointed in each business segment. He or she is supported by additional compliance officers appointed based on organizational and business structures. The Corporate Compliance department supports the compliance officers at the business segment, regional, and country levels. These compliance programs and guidelines set binding rules of conduct for our employees. We believe that we have taken adequate measures to ensure that national and international rules are observed and complied with.

Government reimbursement payments

Fresenius is subject to comprehensive **government regulation** in nearly all countries. This is especially true in the United States and Germany. In addition, Fresenius must comply with general rules of law, which differ from country to country. There could be far-reaching legal repercussions should Fresenius fail to comply with these laws or regulations.

A large part of Group revenue derives from government reimbursement programs. In 2014, approximately 31% of Fresenius Medical Care's sales were attributable to U.S. federal health care benefit programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). A reduction of reimbursement rates or reimbursed services could result in significantly lower sales and operational results.

Effective 2011, Medicare implemented an end stage renal disease (ESRD) **prospective payment system (ESRD PPS),** which expanded the scope of the products and services covered by a bundled rate and resulted in lower reimbursement per treatment than under the reimbursement system in place. ESRD-related drugs with only an oral form are expected to be reimbursed under the ESRD PPS starting in January 2016 with an adjusted payment amount to be determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reflect the additional cost to dialysis facilities of providing these medications. The ESRD PPS payment amount is subject to annual adjustment based on increases in the costs of a "market basket" of certain health care items and services less a productivity adjustment. The centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, howeve, did not increase ESRD PPS base rates for 2015.

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA) directed CMS to reduce the ESRD PPS payment rate, effective January 1, 2014, to account for changes in the utilization of certain drugs and biologicals that are included in the ESRD PPS. In making such a reduction, the law requires CMS to use the most recently available pricing data for such drugs and biologicals. In November 2013, CMS issued the final rule regarding the 2014 ESRD PPS payment rate. CMS decided to split the settled reduction of the ESRD PPS payment rate (US$ 29.93 reduction) over a period between three and four years (2014 – 2017). In November 2014, CMS announced that the ESRD PPS payment rates for 2015 will amount to US$ 239,43 showing a small increase of 0.2% compared to 2014.

The ESRD PPS's quality incentive program (QIP) affects Medicare payments based on the performance of each facility on a set of quality measures. Dialysis facilities that fail to achieve the established quality standards have payments for a particular year reduced by up to 2% based on a year's performance. For the 2014 payment year, CMS has adopted additional measures to determine whether dialysis patients are receiving high-quality care. For the years 2015 and 2016, additional quality measures will be established. In October 2014, CMS announced the requirements for the years 2017 and 2018, including further adjustments on the measures. A material failure by Fresenius Medical Care to achieve the minimum client quality standards under the QIP could materially and adversely affect its business, financial condition and results of operations.

Fresenius Medical Care mitigated the impact of the ESRD PPS and the other legislative initiatives referenced above with two broad measures. First, it worked with medical directors and treating physicians to make clinical protocol changes used in treating patients consistent with the QIP and good clinical practices, and it negotiated pharmaceutical acquisition cost savings. In addition, Fresenius Medical Care achieved greater efficiencies and better patient outcomes by introducing new initiatives to improve patient care upon initiation of dialysis, increasing the percentage of patients using home therapies, and achieving additional cost reductions in its clinics.

Working with health care provider groups, also known as ESRD Seamless Care Organizations (ESCOs), CMS plans to test a new Comprehensive ESRD Care Model, for payment and care delivery that seeks to deliver better health outcomes for ESRD patients while lowering CMS's costs. ESCOs that achieve the program's minimum quality thresholds and generate reductions in CMS's cost of care above certain thresholds for the ESRD patients covered by the ESCO will receive a share of the cost savings. ESCOs that include dialysis chains with more than 200 facilities are required to share in the risk of cost increases and reimburse CMS a share of any such increases. Applications must be approved by CMS to participate in the program.

Changes in the law or the reimbursement method could affect the scope of payments for services as well as for insurance coverage and the product business. This could have a significant adverse impact on the assets and liabilities, financial position, and results of operations.

Research and development

The development of new products and therapies always carries the risk that the ultimate goal might not be achieved, or might take longer than planned. Regulatory approval of new products requires comprehensive, cost-intensive preclinical and clinical studies. Furthermore, there is a risk that regulatory authorities either do not grant, or delay, product approval. In addition, adverse effects of our products that may be discovered after regulatory approval or registration may lead to a partial or complete withdrawal from the market, due either to regulatory actions or our voluntary decision to stop marketing a product. The Fresenius Group spreads its risk widely by conducting development activities in various product segments. We also counteract risks from research and development projects by regularly analyzing and assessing development trends and examining the progress of research projects. We also strictly comply with the legal regulations for clinical and chemical-pharmaceutical research and development. With IV drugs, it is also crucial that new products are continually brought to the market in a timely manner. The product development process can be controlled on the basis of detailed project roadmaps and a tight focus on the achievement of specific milestones. If the defined targets are not achieved, countermeasures can be initiated.

Risks from the integration of acquisitions

The **acquisition** and **integration** of companies carries risks that can adversely affect the assets and liabilities, financial position, and results of operations of Fresenius. Following an acquisition, the acquired company's structure must be integrated while clarifying legal questions and contractual obligations. Marketing, patient services, and logistics must also be unified. During the integration phase, key managers can leave the company and both the course of ongoing business processes and relationships with customers can be harmed. In addition, change-of-control clauses may be claimed. The integration process may prove to be more difficult and cost-intensive, or last longer than expected. Risks can arise from the operations of the newly acquired company that Fresenius regarded as insignificant or was unaware of. An acquisition may also prove to be less beneficial than initially expected. **Future acquisitions** may be a strain on the finances and management of our business. Moreover, as a consequence of an acquisition, Fresenius may become directly or indirectly liable toward third parties or claims against third parties may turn out to be non-assertable.

We counter risks from acquisitions through detailed integration roadmaps and strict integration and project management so that countermeasures can be initiated in good time if there are deviations from the expected development.

Personnel risks

The Company addresses potential shortages of qualified personnel externally by utilizing personnel marketing measures, and internally by offering comprehensive personnel development programs. We also seek to retain our employees by introducing life-work time accounts in various areas. Furthermore, employees are entitled to attractive fringe benefits and, in part, bonuses. By using target group-specific measures, Fresenius addresses the overall shortage of specialized hospital personnel. We thereby recruit qualified, dedicated, and specialized personnel, thus ensuring our high standard of treatment quality. At the same time, by supporting the training of young employees, we thereby seek their commitment to Fresenius. As a result of these measures, risks in personnel marketing are not considered to be significant.

Financial risks

The international operations of the Fresenius Group expose us to a variety of currency risks. In addition, the financing of the business exposes us to certain interest rate risks. We use derivative financial instruments as part of our risk management to avoid any possible negative impacts of these risks. However, we limit ourselves to non-exchange-traded, marketable instruments, used exclusively to hedge our operations and not for trading or speculative purposes. All transactions are conducted with banks that have a high rating.

The Fresenius Group's **foreign exchange risk management** is based on a policy approved by the Management Board that defines the targets, organization, and handling of the risk management processes. In particular, the guidelines assign responsibilities for risk determination, the execution of hedging transactions, and the regular reporting of risk management. These responsibilities are coordinated with the management structures in the residual business processes of the Group. Decisions on the use of derivative financial instruments in **interest rate management** are taken in close consultation with the Management Board. Hedging transactions using derivatives are carried out by the Corporate Treasury department of the Fresenius Group – apart from a few exceptions in order to adhere to foreign currency regulations. These transactions are subject to stringent internal controls. This policy ensures that the Management Board is fully informed of all significant risks and current hedging activities.

The Fresenius Group is protected, to a large extent, against **currency and interest rate risks**. As of December 31, 2014, approximately 63% of the Fresenius Group's debt was protected against increases in interest rates either by fixed-rate financing arrangements or by interest rate hedges; 37%, or € 5,718 million, was exposed to an interest rate risk. A sensitivity analysis shows that a rise of 0.5% in the reference rates relevant for Fresenius would have a less than 1.5% impact on Group net income.

As a global company, Fresenius is widely exposed to **translation effects** due to foreign exchange rate fluctuations. The exchange rate of the U.S. dollar to the euro is of particular importance because of our extensive operations in the United States. Translation risks are not hedged. A sensitivity analysis shows that a one cent change in the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar to the euro would have an annualized effect of about € 90 million on Group sales, about € 16 million on EBIT, and about € 3 million on Group net income.

As a globally active company, we have production facilities in all the main currency areas. In the service businesses, our revenue and cost base largely coincide. The Fresenius Group uses a Cash-Flow-at-Risk (CFaR) model in order to estimate and quantify such **transaction risks** from foreign currencies. The foreign currency cash flows that are reasonably expected to arise within the following twelve months, less any hedges, form the basis for the analysis of the currency risk. As of December 31, 2014, the Fresenius Group's cash flow at risk was € 50 million. Hence, with a probability of 95%, a potential loss in relation to the forecasted foreign exchange cash flows of the next twelve months will not be higher than € 50 million.

Financial risks that could arise from acquisitions, investments in property, plant and equipment, and in intangible assets are assessed through careful and in-depth reviews of the projects, sometimes assisted by external consultants. Goodwill and other intangible assets with an indefinite useful life carried in the Group's consolidated balance sheet are tested for **impairment** each year.

By normally assessing the creditworthiness of new customers, we limit the **risk of late payment and defaults** by customers. We also conduct follow-up assessments and review credit lines on an ongoing basis. Receivables outstanding from existing customers are monitored, and the risk of defaults is assessed. This particularly applies to countries with budgetary problems and countries exposed to political risks. In 2014, we again worked on our receivables, taking certain measures such as factoring.

As a global corporation, Fresenius is subject to numerous **tax codes and regulations**. The Fresenius Group's companies are subject to regular tax audits. Any changes in tax regulations or resulting from tax audits could lead to higher tax payments.

Fresenius' debt was € 15,454 million as of December 31, 2014. The **debt** could limit the ability to pay dividends, arrange refinancing, be in compliance with its credit covenants, or implement the corporate strategy. Other financing risks could arise for Fresenius in the case of an ongoing general financial market crisis. We reduce these risks through a high proportion of mid- and long-term funding with a balanced maturity profile. Our financing agreements contain covenants requiring us to comply with certain financial rations and additional financial criteria. Non-compliance with these covenants could result in a default and acceleration of the debt under the agreements. Additional information on conditions and maturities can be found in Note 17 of the Notes.

Legal risks

Risks that arise from **legal disputes** are continually identified, analyzed, and communicated within the Company. Companies in the health care industry are regularly exposed to actions for breach of their duties of due care, product liability, breach of warranty obligations, patent infringements, treatment errors, and other claims. This can result in high claims for damages and substantial costs for legal defense, regardless of whether a claim for damages is actually justified. Legal disputes can also result in an inability to insure against risks of this kind at acceptable terms in future. Products from the health care industry can also be subject to recall actions. This could have a negative effect on the assets and liabilities, financial position, and results of operations of the Group.

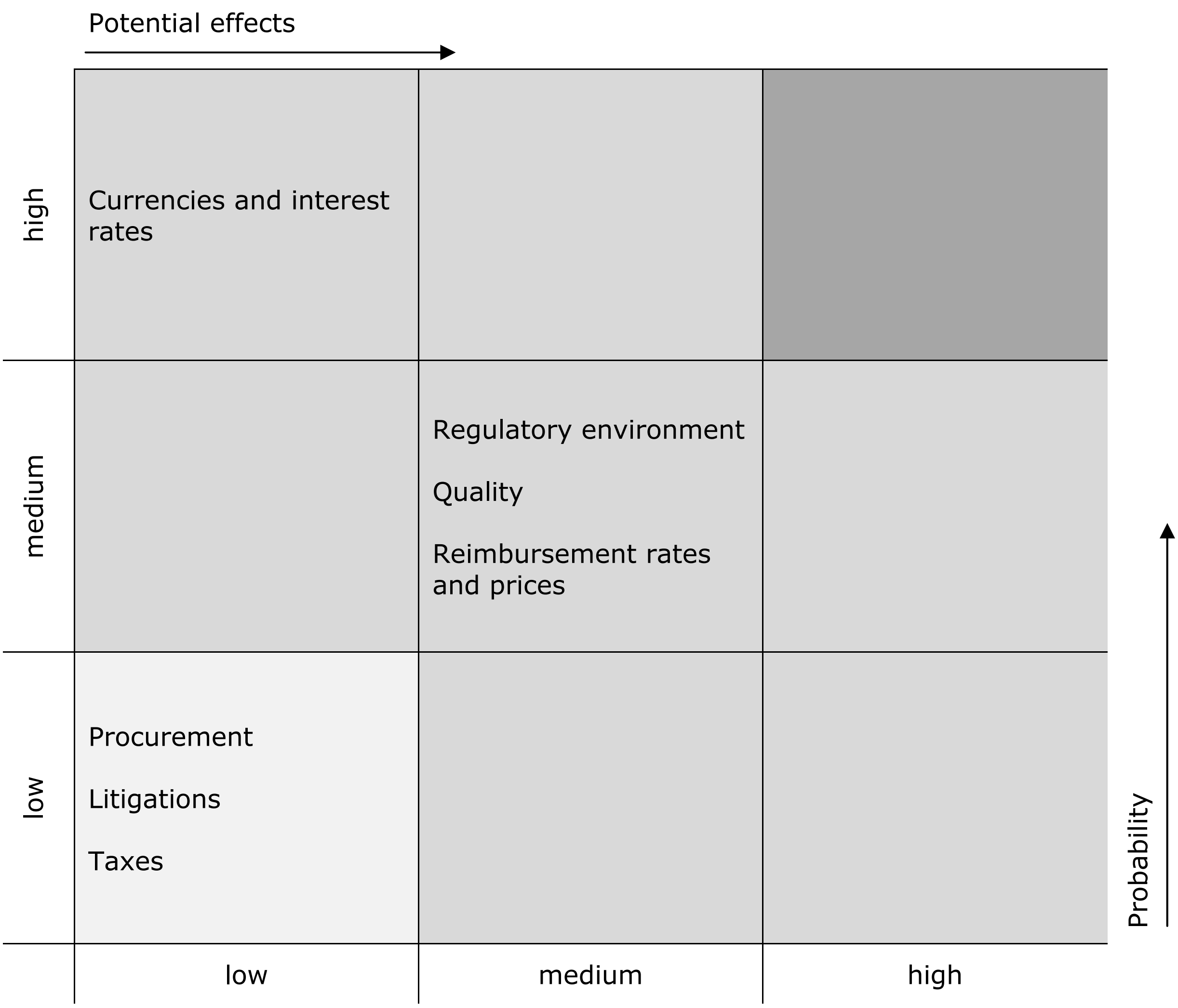
The Fresenius Group is also involved in various legal issues resulting from business operations. Although it is not possible to predict the outcome of these disputes, none is expected to have a significant adverse impact on the assets and liabilities, financial position, and results of operations of the Group.

Other risks

Other risks, such as **environmental risks** and **risks involving management and control systems**, or our IT systems, were not considered to be significant. **IT risks** are countered through security measures, controls, and monitoring. In addition, we counter these risks with constant investment in hardware and software, as well as by improving our system know-how. Potential risks are covered by a detailed contingency plan, which is continuously improved and tested. Redundant systems are maintained for all key systems, such as IT systems or communications infrastructure. A password system is in place to minimize organizational risks, such as manipulation and unauthorized access. In addition, there are Company guidelines regulating the granting of access authorization, and compliance with these rules is monitored. We also conduct operational and security-related audits.

Risks with effect on the 1-year forecast period

The chart shows the significant risks that could lead to deviations from the expected business performance within the 1-year forecast period.



Change of risk assessment compared to previous year

In 2014, the Company‘s risk assessment did not change compared to the previous year. The chart above continues to be valid.

Assessment of overall risk

The basis for evaluating overall risk is the risk management that is regularly audited by management. Potential risks for the Group include factors beyond its control, such as the evolution of economies, which are constantly monitored by Fresenius. Risks also include factors immediately within its control, such as operating risks, which the Company anticipates and reacts to appropriately, as required. There are currently no recognizable risks regarding future performance that appear to present a long-term and material threat to the Group's assets and liabilities, financial position, and results of operations. We have created organizational structures that provide all the conditions needed to rapidly alert us to possible risk situations and to be able to take suitable counteraction.

Bad Homburg v.d.H., February 24, 2015

COMPENSATION REPORT

The compensation report summarizes the main elements of the compensation system for the members of the Management Board of Fresenius Management SE as the general partner of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, and in this regard notably explains the amounts and structure of the compensation paid to the Management Board as well as the principles for determining the compensation of the Supervisory Board and the amounts of the compensation. The compensation report is part of the Management Report of the annual financial statements and the annual consolidated financial statements of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. The compensation report is prepared on the basis of the recommendations of the German Corporate Governance Code as well as under consideration of the declaration of conformity of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA of December 2014, and also includes the disclosures as required pursuant to the applicable statutory regulations, notably in accordance with the German Commercial Code.

COMPENSATION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

The entire Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE is responsible for determining the compensation of the Management Board. The Supervisory Board is assisted in this task by a personnel committee. In the fiscal year 2014, the acting personnel committee was composed of Dr. Gerd Krick, Dr. Dieter Schenk, and Dr. Karl Schneider.

The objective of the compensation system is to enable the members of the Management Board to participate reasonably in the sustainable development of the Company's business and to reward them based on their duties and performance as well as their successes in managing the Company's economic and financial position giving due regard to the peer environment.

The compensation of the Management Board is, as a whole, performance-based and was composed of three elements in the fiscal year 2014:

- non-performance-based compensation (fixed compensation and fringe benefits)
- short-term performance-based compensation (one-year variable compensation)
- components with long-term incentive effects (several-year variable compensation comprising stock options, share-based compensation with cash settlement (phantom stocks), and postponed payments of the one-year variable compensation)

In addition, there are pension commitments for the seven members of the Management Board.

The design of the individual components is based on the following criteria:

The fixed compensation was paid in 12 monthly installments in the fiscal year 2014. Mr. Rice Powell was paid a part of his fixed compensation from Fresenius Medical Care North America in 24 installments. Moreover, the members of the Management Board received additional benefits consisting mainly of insurance premiums, the private use of a company car, special payments such as rent supplements and reimbursement of certain other charges, tuition fees, as well as contributions to pension and health insurance.

The performance-based compensation will also be granted for the fiscal year 2014 as a short-term cash component (one-year variable compensation) and as a compensation component with long-term incentive effects (stock options, share-based compensation with cash settlement (phantom stocks), and postponed payments of the one-year variable compensation). The amount of the one-year variable compensation in each case is dependent on certain target parameters oriented on the net income attributable to Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and/or to the relevant business segments being achieved. In the case of the members of the Management Board with functional responsibility for the entire Group – such members being Dr. Schneider, Mr. Sturm, and Dr. Götz – the amount of the one-year variable compensation is based in its entirety on the respective net income attributable to Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA (after deduction of noncontrolling interest). For Mr. Henriksson and Dr. De Meo, approximately half of the amount of the one-year variable compensation depends on the development of the net income attributable to Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and for the remainder on the development of the net income of the business segment (in each case after deduction of noncontrolling interest) for which the respective member of the Management Board is responsible. Approximately half of the amount of the one-year variable compensation of Dr. Wastler is oriented on the net income attributable to Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA (after deduction of noncontrolling interest) as well as on the net income before tax and extraordinary income/expenditures of the VAMED group. Mr. Rice Powell receives his compensation exclusively from Fresenius Medical Care. Furthermore, the Supervisory Board may grant members of the Management Board a discretionary bonus for extraordinary performance.

For the fiscal year 2014, the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Medical Care Management AG has granted such discretionary bonus to Mr. Rice Powell in the total amount of €376 thousand.

For the fiscal years 2014 and 2013, the amount of cash payment of the Management Board of the general partner of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA consisted of the following:

	Non-performance-based compensation				Performance-based compensation		Cash compensation (without long-term incentive components)	
	Salary		Other [2]		Bonus			
€ in thousands	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013
Dr. Ulf M. Schneider	**990**	990	**92**	64	**1,454**	1,402	**2,536**	2,456
Dr. Francesco De Meo	**550**	550	**19**	19	**1,015**	998	**1,584**	1,567
Dr. Jürgen Götz	**415**	415	**35**	34	**697**	690	**1,147**	1,139
Mats Henriksson	**550**	550	**175**	217	**943**	956	**1,668**	1,723
Rice Powell [1]	**941**	941	**151**	169	**737** [3]	373	**1,829**	1,483
Stephan Sturm	**550**	550	**41**	40	**929**	921	**1,520**	1,511
Dr. Ernst Wastler	**470**	470	**37**	35	**671**	660	**1,178**	1,165
Total	**4,466**	4,466	**550**	578	**6,446**	6,000	**11,462**	11,044

[1] Mr. Rice Powell received his compensation only from Fresenius Medical Care, of which Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA held around 31% of the total subscribed capital. As member of the Management Board of Fresenius Management SE, his compensation has to be included in the compensation report of the Fresenius Group.
[2] Includes insurance premiums, private use of a company car, contributions to pension and health insurance, as well as other benefits
[3] Includes a discretionary bonus for fiscal year 2014 granted to Mr. Rice Powell in the amount of €376 thousand

In the fiscal year 2014, the one-year variable compensation, excluding the payment to Mr. Rice Powell, amounted to €5,709 thousand. This equals 95% of the total one-year variable compensation of €5,980 thousand. The remaining part in an amount of €271 thousand was converted into a component based on a multi-year assessment and the payment was postponed by two years.

To ensure that the overall system of compensation of the members of the Management Board is oriented towards long-term and sustained corporate development, the compensation system provides that the share of long-term variable compensation components is at least equal in its amount to half of the total variable compensation components granted to the respective member of the Management Board. As a means of ensuring this minimum ratio in favor of the compensation components oriented towards the long term, it is expressly provided that the Supervisory Board may determine that the one-year variable compensation to be paid as a rule annually is converted (pro rata) into a variable compensation component based on a multi-year assessment, in order to also take account of any negative developments within the assessment period. This is done in such a way that the maturity of the yearly one-year variable compensation earned on a variable basis is postponed at the discretion of the Supervisory Board, either on a pro rata basis or in its entirety, by two years. At the same time, it is ensured that any payment is made to the member of the Management Board after expiration of such multi-year period only if (i) no subsequent adjustment of the decisive (i.e., adjusted by extraordinary effects) net income attributable to Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA (after deduction of noncontrolling interest) beyond an amount equal to a tolerance range of 10% is made, and (ii) the amount of net income attributable to Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA (adjusted for extraordinary effects) in the two relevant subsequent years is not substantially less than the net income attributable to Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA (adjusted by extraordinary effects, after deduction of noncontrolling interest) of the respective preceding fiscal years. In the event of the aforementioned conditions for payment being missed only to a minor and/or partial extent, the Supervisory Board may resolve on a corresponding pro rata payment of the converted portion of the one-year variable compensation. No interest is payable on the converted one-year variable compensation claim from the time when it first arises until the time of its effective payment. In this way, the one-year variable compensation can be converted pro rata or in its entirety into a genuine variable compensation component on a multi-year assessment basis, which also participates in any negative developments during the relevant assessment period.

In the fiscal year 2014, benefits under LTIP 2013 of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, and for Mr. Rice Powell, benefits under LTIP 2011 of Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA, were granted as another component with long-term incentive effect. Such benefits consist, on the one hand, of share-based compensation with cash settlement (phantom stocks) and, on the other hand, of stock options on the basis of the Stock Option Plan 2013 of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and, for Mr. Rice Powell, on the basis of the Stock Option Plan 2011 of Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA. The LTIP 2013 is available both for members of the Management Board and other executives. In accordance with the division of powers under stock corporation law, grants to members of the Management Board are made by the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE, and grants to other executives are made by the Management Board. The number of stock options and phantom stocks for Management Board members to be granted is determined by the Supervisory Board at the Supervisory Board's own discretion, provided that generally all Management Board members receive the same amount of stock options and phantom stocks, with the exception of the Chairman of the Management Board who receives double the respective amount of stock options and phantom stocks. At the time of the grant, the participants in LTIP 2013 may elect whether they wish to receive stock options and phantom stocks in a ratio of 75:25, or in a ratio of 50:50.

Exercise of the stock options and the phantom stocks granted under LTIP 2013 of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA is subject to several conditions, such as expiry of a four-year waiting period, observance of vesting periods, achievement of the specified performance target, and continuance of the service or employment relationship. The vested stock options can be exercised within a period of four years. The vested phantom stocks are settled on March 1 of the year following the end of the waiting period.

The amount of the cash settlement pursuant to the Phantom Stock Plan 2013 is based on the volume-weighted average market price of the share of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA during the three months preceding the exercise date.

The respective performance target has been reached if the adjusted consolidated net income of the Company (net income attributable to the shareholders of the Company) has increased by a minimum of 8% per year in comparison to the previous year within the waiting period, after adjustment for foreign currency effects. The performance target has also been achieved if the average annual growth rate of the adjusted consolidated net income of the Company during the four-year waiting period is at least 8%, adjusted for foreign-currency effects. If, with respect to one or more of the four reference periods within the waiting period, neither the adjusted consolidated net income of the Company has increased by a minimum of 8% per year in comparison to the previous year, after adjustment for foreign currency effects, nor the average annual growth rate of the adjusted consolidated net income of the Company during the four-year waiting period is at least 8%, adjusted for foreign-currency effects, the respective granted stock options and phantom stocks are forfeited on a pro-rata basis according to the proportion of the performance target that has not been achieved within the waiting period, i.e., by one fourth, by two fourths, by three fourths, or completely.

The principles of LTIP 2013 of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and of LTIP 2011 of Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA are described in more detail in note 33 of the notes of the Fresenius Group, Stock options.

The previous share-based compensation component with cash settlement (performance shares) has been combined with the current share-based compensation component with cash settlement (phantom stocks). The members of the Management Board, with the exception of Mr. Rice Powell, were granted an entitlement to further share-based compensation with cash settlement (further phantom stocks, previously performance shares) in the equivalent value of €100 thousand per Management Board member in the fiscal year 2014. With regard to the performance target and waiting period, the same conditions that pertain to the phantom stocks granted under LTIP 2013 apply to them.

For the fiscal years 2014 and 2013, the number and value of stock options issued, the value of the share-based compensation with cash settlement (phantom stocks), and the value of the postponed performance-based compensation is shown in the following table. For the statements on stock options, the stock split 2014 was reflected with a ratio of 1:3.

The stated values of the stock options granted to members of the Management Board in the fiscal year 2014 correspond to their fair value at the time of grant, namely a value of €8.28 (2013: €9.08) per stock option of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and €9.01 (2013: €8.92) per stock option of Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA. The exercise price of the granted stock options of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA was €36.92 (2013: €33.10).

The fair value of the phantom stocks granted to members of the Management Board in the fiscal year 2014 corresponds to a value at the time of grant of €34.18 (2014: €32.65) per phantom stock of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and €46.26 (2013: €44.93) per phantom stock of Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA.

LONG-TERM INCENTIVE COMPONENTS

	Stock options [1]				Postponed payment of the one-year variable compensation		Share-based compensation with cash settlement (phantom stocks)		Total	
	Number		Value, € in thousands		Value, € in thousands		Value, € in thousands		Value, € in thousands	
	2014	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013
Dr. Ulf M. Schneider	**90,000**	90,000	**745**	817	**0**	0	**897**	864	**1,642**	1,681
Dr. Francesco De Meo	**45,000**	45,000	**373**	409	**143**	108	**499**	482	**1,015**	999
Dr. Jürgen Götz	**45,000**	45,000	**373**	409	**0**	0	**499**	482	**872**	891
Mats Henriksson	**45,000**	45,000	**373**	409	**71**	65	**499**	482	**943**	956
Rice Powell	**74,700**	74,700	**673**	666	**0**	0	**351**	358	**1,024**	1,024
Stephan Sturm	**45,000**	45,000	**373**	409	**57**	30	**499**	482	**929**	921
Dr. Ernst Wastler	**45,000**	45,000	**373**	409	**0**	0	**499**	482	**872**	891
Total	**389,700**	389,700	**3,283**	3,528	**271**	203	**3,743**	3,632	**7,297**	7,363

[1] Stock options that were granted in 2014 and 2013 under the Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA stock option plan. Mr. Rice Powell received stock options under the Fresenius Medical Care stock option plan.

At the end of the fiscal year 2014, subsequent to the stock split, the members of the Management Board held a total of 2,345,904 (2013: 2,460,474) stock options and convertible bonds (together referred to as stock options) of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and 407,737 (2013: 361,050) of Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA.

The development and the status of the stock options of the Management Board in the fiscal year 2014 are shown in the following table:

	Dr. Ulf M. Schneider	Dr. Francesco De Meo	Dr. Jürgen Götz	Mats Henriksson	Rice Powell [1]	Stephan Sturm	Dr. Ernst Wastler	**Total [2]**
Options outstanding on January 1, 2014								
number	887,220	340,854	215,280	175,800	361,050	509,400	331,920	**2,460,474**
average exercise price in €	21.16	23.55	26.64	25.39	45.47	20.17	23.67	**22.40**
Options granted during fiscal year								
number	90,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	74,700	45,000	45,000	**315,000**
exercise price in €	36.92	36.92	36.92	36.92	49.93	36.92	36.92	**36.92**
Options exercised during fiscal year								
number	286,380	0	0	0	0	143,190	0	**429,570**
average exercise price in €	14.89					12.30		**14.03**
average stock price in €	37.22					36.67		**37.04**
Options forfeited during fiscal year								
number	0	0	0	0	28,013	0	0	**0**
average exercise price in €					52.48			
Options outstanding on December 31, 2014								
number	690,840	385,854	260,280	220,800	407,737	411,210	376,920	**2,345,904**
average exercise price in €	25.81	25.11	28.42	27.74	45.80	24.74	25.25	**25.89**
average remaining life in years	4.5	4.3	5.1	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.3	**4.5**
range of exercise prices in €	17.83 to 36.92	17.83 to 36.92	23.76 to 36.92	17.83 to 36.92	31.97 to 57.30	17.83 to 36.92	17.83 to 36.92	**17.83 to 36.92**
Exercisable options on December 31, 2014								
number	340,560	210,714	85,140	82,800	174,300	236,070	201,780	**1,157,064**
average exercise price in €	20.80	20.48	23.76	20.80	37.57	20.33	20.54	**20.82**

[1] Mr. Rice Powell holds stock options under the Fresenius Medical Care stock option plan.
[2] Only stock options of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, excluding stock options of Mr. Rice Powell

The following table shows the total compensation of the Management Board of the general partner of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA for the years 2014 and 2013:

€ in thousands	Cash compensation (without long-term incentive components) 2014	2013	Long-term incentive components 2014	2013	Total compensation (including long-term incentive components) 2014	2013
Dr. Ulf M. Schneider	**2,536**	2,456	**1,642**	1,681	**4,178**	4,137
Dr. Francesco De Meo	**1,584**	1,567	**1,015**	999	**2,599**	2,566
Dr. Jürgen Götz	**1,147**	1,139	**872**	891	**2,019**	2,030
Mats Henriksson	**1,668**	1,723	**943**	956	**2,611**	2,679
Rice Powell	**1,829**	1,483	**1,024**	1,024	**2,853**	2,507
Stephan Sturm	**1,520**	1,511	**929**	921	**2,449**	2,432
Dr. Ernst Wastler	**1,178**	1,165	**872**	891	**2,050**	2,056
Total	**11,462**	11,044	**7,297**	7,363	**18,759**	18,407

The stock options and the entitlement to a share-based compensation (phantom stocks) can be exercised only after the expiry of minimum terms (vesting periods). Their value is recognized over the vesting period as expense in the respective fiscal year. The expenses attributable to the fiscal years 2014 and 2013 are stated in the following table.

EXPENSES FOR LONG-TERM INCENTIVE COMPONENTS

€ in thousands	Stock options 2014	2013	Share-based compensation with cash settlement (phantom stocks) 2014	2013	Total expenses for share-based compensation 2014	2013
Dr. Ulf M. Schneider	**864**	902	**518**	94	**1,382**	996
Dr. Francesco De Meo	**432**	451	**334**	86	**766**	537
Dr. Jürgen Götz	**432**	451	**334**	86	**766**	537
Mats Henriksson	**298**	239	**228**	11	**526**	250
Rice Powell	**176**	325	**435**	441	**611**	766
Stephan Sturm	**432**	451	**334**	86	**766**	537
Dr. Ernst Wastler	**432**	451	**334**	86	**766**	537
Total	**3,066**	3,270	**2,517**	890	**5,583**	4,160

The short-term performance-based compensation is limited in its amount. As regards stock options and phantom stocks, there are contractually agreed limitation possibilities. This makes it possible to adequately take account in particular of those extraordinary developments that are not in any relevant proportion to the performance of the Management Board.

Under the compensation system, the amount of the fixed and the total compensation of the members of the Management Board was, and will be, assessed giving particular regard to the relevant comparison values of other DAX companies and similar companies of comparable size and performance from the relevant industrial sector.

COMMITMENTS TO MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD IN THE EVENT OF THE TERMINATION OF THEIR APPOINTMENT

There are individual contractual pension commitments for the Management Board members Dr. Ulf M. Schneider, Dr. Francesco De Meo, Dr. Jürgen Götz, and Mr. Stephan Sturm based on their service agreements with the general partner of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. The Management Board member Dr. Ernst Wastler has a pension commitment of VAMED AG, Vienna. The Management Board member Mats Henriksson has a pension commitment of Fresenius Kabi AG. The Management Board member Mr. Rice Powell has received an individual contractual pension commitment from Fresenius Medical Care Management AG. Furthermore, he has acquired nonforfeitable entitlements from participating in pension plans for employees of Fresenius Medical Care North America, and during the fiscal year 2014, he participated in the U.S.-based 401(k) Savings Plan. This plan generally enables employees in the United States to invest part of their gross income into retirement plans. With regard to these pension commitments, the Fresenius Group had pension obligations of €24,381 thousand as of December 31, 2014 (2013: €15,963 thousand). The additions to pension liability in the fiscal year 2014 amounted to €8,418 thousand (2013: €3,277 thousand).

The pension commitments are as follows:

€ in thousands	As of January 1, 2014	Additions	**As of December 31, 2014**
Dr. Ulf M. Schneider	2,812	1,482	**4,294**
Dr. Francesco De Meo	1,195	717	**1,912**
Dr. Jürgen Götz	1,090	592	**1,682**
Mats Henriksson	1,752	1,841	**3,593**
Rice Powell	4,493	2,161	**6,654**
Stephan Sturm	1,640	837	**2,477**
Dr. Ernst Wastler	2,981	788	**3,769**
Total	15,963	8,418	**24,381**

Each of the pension commitments provides for a pension and survivor benefit, depending on the amount of the most recent fixed compensation, from the 63rd year of life (or 65th year for Mr. Rice Powell), or, in the case of termination because of professional or occupational incapacity, from the time of ending active work.

The pension's starting percentage of 30% of the last fixed compensation increases with every full year of service as a Management Board member by 1.5 percentage points, 45% being the attainable maximum.

Current pensions increase according to legal requirements (Section 16 of the German law to improve company pension plans, BetrAVG).

Thirty percent of the gross amount of any post-retirement income from an occupation of the Management Board member is offset against the pension for professional or occupational incapacity.

In the event of the death of one of the Management Board members, the widow receives a pension equivalent to 60% of the pension entitlement accruing at the time of death. In addition, own legitimate children, respectively, in the individual case, own children of the deceased Management Board member's wife who have been adopted by the deceased Management Board member, receive an orphan's pension equivalent to 20% of the pension entitlement accruing at the time of death until completion of their vocational training, but at the most until the age of 25 years. However, all orphans' pensions and the widow's pension are capped at an aggregate 90% of the Management Board member's pension entitlement.

If a Management Board member's service as a member of the Management Board of Fresenius Management SE ends before the age of 63 years (or 65 years for Mr. Rice Powell) for reasons other than professional or occupational incapacity, the rights to the said pension benefits vest, but the pension payable upon the occurrence of a pensionable event is reduced pro rata according to the actual length of service as a Management Board member compared to the potential length of service until the age of 63 years (or 65 years for Mr. Rice Powell).

The pension commitment for Dr. Ernst Wastler provides for a normal pension, an early retirement pension, a professional incapacity pension, and a widow's and orphan's pension. The normal pension is payable at the earliest at the age of 60 years and the early retirement pension at the earliest at the age of 55 years. The pension benefits are equivalent to 1.2% per year of service based on the last fixed compensation, with a cap of 40%. The widow's pension (60%) and the orphan's pension (20% each) are capped in aggregate at not more than Dr. Ernst Wastler's pension entitlement at the time of death. Pensions, retirement, and other benefits from third parties are set off against the pension benefit.

The Management Board member Mr. Mats Henriksson has solely a pension commitment of Fresenius Kabi AG from the period of his previous service. This pension commitment remained unaffected by the service agreement with Fresenius Management SE, beginning on January 1, 2013. It is based on the pension policy of the Fresenius companies from January 1, 1988, and provides for retirement, incapacity, and widow's and orphan's pensions. It does not set forth any deduction of other income or pension benefits. The widow's pension amounts to 60% of the incapacity or retirement pension to be granted at the time of death; the orphan's pension amounts to 10% (half-orphans) or 20% (orphans) of the incapacity or retirement pension to be granted at the time of death. The total entitlements of widows and orphans are limited to 100% of Mr. Mats Henriksson's pension entitlements.

A post-employment non-competition covenant was agreed upon for all Management Board members. If such a covenant becomes applicable, the Management Board members receive a waiting allowance that is generally equivalent to half of the respective annual fixed compensation for each year of respective application of the non-competition covenant, up to a maximum of two years.

The service agreements of the Management Board members do not contain any explicit provision for the event of a change of control.

MISCELLANEOUS

All members of the Management Board have received individual contractual commitments for the continuation of their compensation in the event of sickness for a maximum period of 12 months, provided that, after six months of sickness-related absence, any insurance benefits that may be paid are to be deducted from such continued compensation. In the event of death of a member of the Management Board, the surviving dependents will receive three monthly payments after the month during which the death occurred, at maximum, however, until the expiry of the respective employment agreement.

During the fiscal year 2014, no loans or advance payment on future compensation components were granted to any member of the Management Board of Fresenius Management SE.

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA undertook to indemnify the Management Board members, to the legally permitted extent, against any claim that may be asserted against them due to their service for the Company and its affiliated Group companies to the extent that such claims exceed their liability under German law. To cover such obligations, the Company purchased a directors & officers insurance, the deductible complying with the requirements of stock corporation law. The indemnification covers the period during which the respective member of the Management Board holds office as well as any claim in this connection after termination of the service on the Management Board.

Based on pension commitments to former members of the Management Board, €1,049 thousand were paid in the fiscal year 2014 (2013: €1,064 thousand) and €494 thousand (2013: €550 thousand) were paid to Dr. Ben Lipps as a result of a consultancy agreement entered into with Fresenius Medical Care Management AG. The benefit obligation for these persons amounted to €18,465 thousand (2013: €17,389 thousand).

TABLES DISPLAYING THE VALUE OF BENEFITS GRANTED AND ALLOCATIONS

The German Corporate Governance Code provides that compensation reports for fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2013, shall include information for each member of the Management Board on the benefits granted and allocations made, as well as on the pension expenses for the year under report. The model tables provided in the appendix to the German Corporate Governance Code shall be used to present the information.

The following tables include information on the value of benefits granted as well as on the allocations made. They adhere to the structure and, to a large extent, the standards of the model tables of the German Corporate Governance Code:

Benefits granted Value € in thousands	**Dr. Ulf M. Schneider** Chairman of the Management Board Board member since May 28, 2003				**Dr. Franceso De Meo** CEO of Fresenius Helios Board member since January 1, 2008				**Dr. Jürgen Götz** Chief Legal and Compliance Officer, and Labor Relations Director Board member since July 1, 2007			
	2014	2014 min.	2014 max.	2013	**2014**	2014 min.	2014 max.	2013	**2014**	2014 min.	2014 max.	2013
Non-performance-based compensation												
Fixed compensation	**990**	990	990	990	**550**	550	550	550	**415**	415	415	415
Fringe benefits	**92**	92	92	64	**19**	19	19	19	**35**	35	35	34
Total non-performance-based compensation	**1,082**	0	0	1,054	**569**	0	0	569	**450**	0	0	449
Performance-based compensation												
One-year variable compensation [2]	**1,454**	1,200	1,750	1,402	**1,015**	750	1,250	998	**697**	250	750	690
Multi-year variable compensation / components with long-term incentive effect												
Postponed one-year variable compensation	**0**	0	n/a		**143**	0	n/a	108	**0**	0	n/a	
Stock Option Plan 2013 (part of LTIP 2013) (5-year term)	**745**	0	n/a	817	**373**	0	n/a	409	**373**	0	n/a	409
Phantom stocks (part of LTIP 2013) (5-year term)	**797**	0	n/a	764	**399**	0	n/a	382	**399**	0	n/a	382
Further phantom stocks	**100**			100	**100**			100	**100**			100
Components with long-term incentive effect	**1,642**	0	n/a	1,681	**1,015**	0	n/a	999	**872**	0	n/a	891
Total non-performance-based and performance-based compensation	**4,178**	2,282	n/a	4,137	**2,599**	1,319	n/a	2,566	**2,019**	700	n/a	2,030
Service cost	**234**	234	234	201	**201**	201	201	176	**136**	136	136	118
Value of benefits granted	**4,412**	2,516	n/a	4,338	**2,800**	1,520	n/a	2,742	**2,155**	836	n/a	2,148

[1] Mr. Rice Powell was granted stock options and phantom stocks from the stock option program of Fresenius Medical Care as follows: in 2014: €120 thousand from the Share Based Award – New Incentive Bonus Plan 2010, €673 thousand from the Long Term Incentive Program 2011 – Stock Option Plan 2011; in 2013: €124 thousand from the Share Based Award – New Incentive Bonus Plan 2010, €666 thousand from the Long Term Incentive Program 2011 – Stock Option Plan and €234 thousand from the Long Term Incentive Program 2011 – Phantom Stock Plan 2011.

[2] For the one-year variable compensation, there are no target values or comparable values. The one-year variable compensation is determined on the basis of bonus curves applicable for several years. For this reason, the allocation from the one-year variable remuneration is stated.

[3] Includes a discretionary bonus for fiscal year 2014 granted to Mr. Rice Powell in the amount of €376 thousand

Mats Henriksson				Rice Powell				Stephan Sturm				Dr. Ernst Wastler			
CEO Fresenius Kabi				CEO Fresenius Medical Care				Chief Financial Officer				CEO Fresenius Vamed			
Board member since January 1, 2013				Board member since January 1, 2013				Board member since January 1, 2005				Board member since January 1, 2008			
2014	2014 min.	2014 max.	2013	2014	2014 min.	2014 max.	2013	2014	2014 min.	2014 max.	2013	2014	2014 min.	2014 max.	2013
550	550	550	550	941	941	941	941	550	550	550	550	470	470	470	470
175	175	175	175	151	151	151	169	41	41	41	40	37	37	37	37
725	0	0	767	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,110	591	0	0	590	507	0	0	505
943	750	1,250	956	1,929[3]	212	2,239[3]	1,553	929	850	1,150	921	671	350	750	660
71	0	n/a	65					57	0	n/a	30	0	0	n/a	
373	0	n/a	409					373	0	n/a	409	373	0	n/a	409
399	0	n/a	382					399	0	n/a	382	399	0	n/a	382
100			100					100			100	100			100
943	0	n/a	956	1,024[1]	71	n/a	1,024	929	0	n/a	921	872	0	n/a	891
2,611	1,475	n/a	2,679	4,045	1,375	n/a	3,687	2,449	1,441	n/a	2,432	2,050	857	n/a	2,056
120	120	120	84	429	429	429	405	182	182	182	159	92	92	92	83
2,731	1,595	n/a	2,763	4,474	1,804	n/a	4,092	2,631	1,623	n/a	2,591	2,142	949	n/a	2,139

Allocations Value € in thousands	Dr. Ulf M. Schneider Chairman of the Management Board Board member since May 28, 2003		Dr. Franceso De Meo CEO of Fresenius Helios Board member since January 1, 2008		Dr. Jürgen Götz Chief Legal and Compliance Officer, and Labor Relations Director Board member since July 1, 2007	
	2014	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013
Non-performance-based compensation						
Fixed compensation	**990**	990	**550**	550	**415**	415
Fringe benefits	**92**	64	**19**	19	**35**	34
Total non-performance-based compensation	**1,082**	1,054	**569**	569	**450**	449
Performance-based compensation						
One-year variable compensation[2]	**1,454**	1,402	**1,015**	998	**697**	690
Multi-year variable compensation / components with long-term incentive effect						
Postponed one-year variable compensation	**0**	174	**29**	131	**0**	98
Stock Option Plan 2003 (5-year term)						
Issue 2005						
Issue 2006		1,503		805		
Issue 2007	**2,488**			56		288
Stock Option Plan 2008 (5-year term)						
Issue 2008		1,246		1,019		1,086
Issue 2009	**3,907**			1,558		1,625
Issue 2010						1,405
Total multi-year variable compensation / components with long-term incentive effect	**6,395**	2,749	**29**	3,438	**0**	4,404
Other	**0**	0	**0**	0	**0**	0
Total non-performance-based and performance-based compensation	**8,931**	5,205	**1,613**	5,005	**1,147**	5,543
Service cost	**234**	201	**201**	176	**136**	118
Allocation	**9,165**	5,406	**1,814**	5,181	**1,283**	5,661

[1] Mr. Rice Powell had this allocation from stock options from the Fresenius Medical Care Stock Option Program:
in 2014: €399 thousand from the Share Based Award – New Incentive Bonus Plan 2010 issue 2010;
in 2013: €317 thousand from the Share Based Award – New Incentive Bonus Plan 2009 issue 2009 and €855 thousand from the stock option plan 2006, issue 2007.
[2] Includes a discretionary bonus for fiscal year 2014 granted to Mr. Rice Powell in the amount of €376 thousand

	Mats Henriksson CEO Fresenius Kabi Board member since January 1, 2013		**Rice Powell** CEO Fresenius Medical Care Board member since January 1, 2013		**Stephan Sturm** Chief Financial Officer Board member since January 1, 2005		**Dr. Ernst Wastler** CEO Fresenius Vamed Board member since January 1, 2008	
	2014	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013
	550	550	**941**	941	**550**	550	**470**	470
	175	217	**151**	169	**41**	40	**37**	35
	725	767	**1,092**	1,110	**591**	590	**507**	505
	943	956	**737** [2]	373	**929**	921	**671**	660
	0	0	**0**	0	**79**	208	**0**	95
						3,008		443
					1,523			650
						1,164		1,084
		871			**1,967**			1,771
	0	871	**399** [1]	1,172	**3,569**	4,172	**0**	3,948
	0	0	**0**	0	**0**	0	**0**	0
	1,668	2,594	**2,228**	2,655	**5,089**	5,683	**1,178**	5,113
	120	84	**429**	405	**182**	159	**92**	83
	1,788	2,678	**2,657**	3,060	**5,271**	5,842	**1,270**	5,196

COMPENSATION OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

The compensation of the Supervisory Board is determined by the Annual General Meeting and is subject to the provisions contained in Section 13 of the articles of association of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. Each member of the Supervisory Board shall receive a fixed compensation of €13 thousand.

The members of the Audit Committee of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA receive an additional €10 thousand each and the Chairman of the committee a further €10 thousand. For each full fiscal year, the remuneration increases by 10% for each percentage point that three times the dividend (or the dividend up to registration of the capital increase from company's funds on August 1, 2014) paid on each ordinary share for that year (gross dividend according to the resolution of the Annual General Meeting) exceeds 3.6% of the amount equal to the subscribed capital divided by the number of non-par value shares; residual amounts are interpolated. The Chairman receives twice this amount and the deputies to the Chairman one and a half times the amount of a Supervisory Board member. All members of the Supervisory Board receive appropriate compensation for costs of travel and accommodation incurred in connection with their duties as members of the Supervisory Board. Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA provides to the members of the Supervisory Board insurance coverage in an adequate amount (relating to their function) with an excess equal to those of the Management Board.

If a member of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA is, at the same time, a member of the Supervisory Board of the general partner Fresenius Management SE and receives remuneration for his service on the Supervisory Board for Fresenius Management SE, the remuneration shall be reduced by half. The same applies with respect to the additional part of the remuneration for the Chairman or one of his deputies if they are, at the same time, the Chairman or one of his deputies on the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE. If the deputy of the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA is, at the same time, the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE, he shall not receive remuneration for his service as Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. According to Section 7 of the articles of association of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, the remuneration of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE was charged to Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA.

For the years 2014 and 2013, the compensation for the members of the Supervisory Boards of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and Fresenius Management SE, including compensation for committee services, was as follows:

	Fixed compensation				Compensation for committee services				Variable compensation				Total compensation	
	Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA		Fresenius Management SE		Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA		Fresenius Management SE		Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA		Fresenius Management SE			
€ in thousands	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013	**2014**	2013
Dr. Gerd Krick	**13**	13	**13**	13	**10**	10	**20**	20	**167**	158	**167**	158	**390**	372
Dr. Dieter Schenk	**0**	0	**19**	19	**0**	0	**10**	10	**0**	0	**250**	237	**279**	266
Niko Stumpfögger	**19**	19	**0**	0	**0**	0	**0**	0	**250**	237	**0**	0	**269**	256
Prof. Dr. med. D. Michael Albrecht	**13**	13	**0**	0	**0**	0	**0**	0	**167**	158	**0**	0	**180**	171
Prof. Dr. h. c. Roland Berger	**7**	7	**6**	6	**20**	20	**0**	0	**83**	79	**84**	79	**200**	191
Dario Ilossi	**13**	13	**0**	0	**0**	0	**0**	0	**167**	158	**0**	0	**180**	171
Konrad Kölbl	**13**	13	**0**	0	**10**	10	**0**	0	**167**	158	**0**	0	**190**	181
Klaus-Peter Müller	**7**	7	**6**	6	**0**	0	**0**	0	**83**	79	**84**	79	**180**	171
Dieter Reuß	**13**	13	**0**	0	**0**	0	**0**	0	**167**	158	**0**	0	**180**	171
Gerhard Roggemann	**13**	13	**0**	0	**10**	10	**0**	0	**167**	158	**0**	0	**190**	181
Dr. Gerhard Rupprecht († August 8, 2014)	**8**	13	**4**	6	**0**	0	**0**	0	**101**	158	**50**	79	**163**	256
Dr. Karl Schneider	**0**	0	**13**	13	**0**	0	**10**	10	**0**	0	**167**	158	**190**	181
Stefan Schubert	**13**	13	**0**	0	**0**	0	**0**	0	**167**	158	**0**	0	**180**	171
Rainer Stein	**13**	13	**0**	0	**10**	10	**0**	0	**167**	158	**0**	0	**190**	181
Total	**145**	150	**61**	63	**60**	60	**40**	40	**1,853**	1,817	**802**	790	**2,961**	2,920

DIRECTORS & OFFICERS INSURANCE

Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA has concluded a consequential loss liability insurance policy (D & O insurance), on an excess amount basis, for the members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board of the general partner of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and for the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA as well as for all representative bodies of affiliates in Germany and elsewhere. The D & O policy applies throughout the world and runs until the end of June 2015. The policy covers the legal defense costs of a member of a representative body when a claim is made and, where relevant, any damages to be paid that are covered by the policy.

GLOSSARY

Financial terms

ADR (American Depositary Receipt)
Certificate that represents indirect ownership of shares in a non-U.S. company and enables trading in the United States.

Cash flow
Financial key figure that shows the net balance of incoming and outgoing payments during a reporting period.

Commercial paper program
Short-term unsecured promissory notes issued by corporations in need of short-term loans. Typically, commercial paper maturities range from a few days up to under two years.

Compliance
Measures for adherence to laws and company policies.

Corporate Governance
Designation in international parlance for company management and company controlling focused on responsible, long-term value creation.

Days Sales Outstanding (DSO)
Indicates the average number of days it takes for a receivable to be paid. A shorter DSO results in less interest for the creditor and a lower risk of default.

EBIT
Earnings before interest and income taxes.

EBITDA
Earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation, and amortization.

KGaA (Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien)
A German legal form meaning partnership limited by shares. An entity with its own legal identity in which at least one general partner has full liability (personally liable shareholder, or Komplementäraktionär), while the other shareholders have an interest in the capital stock divided into shares without being personally liable for the debts of the company.

Organic sales growth
Growth that is generated by a company's existing businesses and not by acquisitions, divestitures, or foreign exchange impact.

OTC (Over-the-counter)
Trading of securities that are not listed on a stock exchange in the respective country. Fresenius' sponsored Level 1 ADRs are traded on the OTC market in the United States.

Rating
A classification of the creditworthiness of a company accepted on the international capital market. It is published by independent rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's, or Fitch based on a company analysis.

ROE (Return on Equity)
Measure of a corporation's profitability revealing how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested.
ROE = fiscal year's net income / total equity x 100.

ROIC (Return on Invested Capital)
Calculated by: (EBIT – taxes) : Invested capital
Invested capital = total assets + amortization of goodwill (accumulated) – deferred tax assets – cash and cash equivalents – trade accounts payable – accruals (without pension accruals) – other liabilities not bearing interest.
This key figure can be found on pages 50, 64, 75, and 81 of the Management Report.

ROOA (Return on Operating Assets)
Calculated by: EBIT x 100 : operating assets (average)
Operating assets = total assets – deferred tax assets – trade accounts payable – payments received on account – approved subsidies.
This key figure can be found on pages 50, 64, 75, and 81 of the Management Report.

SE (Societas Europaea)
Legal form of a European stock corporation. The supranational legal entity is based on European Community law. Subject to European regulations, the SE is treated in all member states of the European Union as a stock corporation according to the national law of the member state in which the SE is incorporated.

SOI (Scope of Inventory)
Indicates the average number of days between receiving goods as inventory and the sale of the finished product.
Calculated by: (Inventories : Costs of goods sold) x 365 days.

Working Capital
Current assets (including deferred assets) – accruals – trade accounts payable – other liabilities – deferred charges.

Xetra (Exchange Electronic Trading)
Electronic trading system of Deutsche Börse AG to buy or sell stocks, foreign currencies, or other financial instruments.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

In 2014, the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA fulfilled its obligations in its respective terms in accordance with the provisions of the law, the articles of association, and the rules of procedure. It regularly advised the Management Board of the general partner, Fresenius Management SE, regarding the management of the Company, and has supervised the management in accordance with its Supervisory Board responsibilities.

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MANAGEMENT AND THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

Carrying out its monitoring and advisory activities, the Management Board regularly kept the Supervisory Board informed – in a timely and comprehensive oral and written manner – about all important matters relating to business policy, business development, profitability, the economic and financial position of the Company and the Group, the corporate strategy and planning, risk situation, risk management, and compliance, as well as important business events. Based on the reports submitted from the Management Board of the general partner, the Supervisory Board discussed all business transactions that were important for the Company in its committees and at its meetings. The Management Board of the general partner discussed the Company's strategic direction with the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board passed resolutions within the framework of its legal and Company statutory authority.

The Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA convened for four regular meetings in 2014 – in March, May, October, and December. In addition, the Supervisory Board had a conference call in January in which the members of the Supervisory Board were informed about the divestment of two HELIOS hospitals due to cartel in context of the acquisition of hospitals from Rhön-Klinikum AG. Before the meetings, the

Management Board of the general partner sent detailed reports and comprehensive approval documents to the members of the Supervisory Board. At the meetings, the Supervisory Board discussed in detail the business development and any important corporate decisions based on the reports from the general partner's Management Board.

All matters requiring Supervisory Board approval were submitted with sufficient time for proper scrutiny. After reviewing the related approval documents and detailed consultation with the Management Board of the general partner, the Supervisory Board approved all matters submitted to it.

The Supervisory Board was also informed about any important business events occurring between meetings. In a few cases, it passed resolutions by written proceeding in lieu of a meeting. In addition, the Chairman of the general partner's Management Board regularly informed the Chairman of the Supervisory Board in separate meetings about the latest development of the business and forthcoming decisions and discussed them with him.

Every member of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA attended at least half of the regular Supervisory Board Meetings in 2014.

MAIN FOCUS OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD'S ACTIVITIES

In 2014, the Supervisory Board mostly focused its monitoring and consulting activities on business operations and investments by the business segments. Furthermore, the Supervisory Board thoroughly reviewed and discussed all other significant business activities with the Management Board. The main consulting focus was on the stock split and on acquisitions, especially at Fresenius Medical Care in the area of Care Coordination and at Fresenius Kabi regarding a planned joint venture in Russia, as well as the development and integration of the hospitals acquired from Rhön-Klinikum AG. The Supervisory Board discussed in detail the 2015 budget and the mid-term planning of the Fresenius Group. It also focused on the strategies of the business segments, especially on the business perspectives for Fresenius HELIOS. At its meetings and within the Audit Committee, the Supervisory Board also kept itself regularly informed about the Group's risk situation and risk management activities as well as compliance.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Supervisory Board and the Management Board of the general partner jointly issued a Declaration of Conformity in accordance with the German Corporate Governance Code pursuant to Section 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) on December 20, 2014.

The Management Board of the general partner and the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA have a duty to act in the best interests of the Company. In performing their activities, they do not pursue personal interests or bestow unjustified benefits on others. Any sideline activities or transactions with the Company by members of the corporate bodies must be reported to, and approved by, the Supervisory Board.

Prof. Dr. med. D. Michael Albrecht is a member of the Supervisory Board of our Company and is medical director and spokesman for the management board of the University Hospital Carl Gustav Carus Dresden as well as a member of the supervisory board of the University Hospital in Aachen. The Fresenius Group maintains regular business relationships with these hospitals in the ordinary course under customary conditions. Klaus-Peter Müller is a member of the Supervisory Boards of our Company and of Fresenius Management SE, as well as chairman of the supervisory board of Commerzbank AG, with which the Fresenius Group maintains business relationships under customary conditions. In 2014, the Fresenius Group paid €1.1 million to Commerzbank AG for capital market financing and for carrying out the share split. Until his death on August 8, 2014, Dr. Gerhard Rupprecht was a member of the Supervisory Board of our Company and of Fresenius Management SE, as well as a member of the supervisory board of Allianz France SA. In 2014, the Fresenius Group paid €11.6 million for insurance premiums to Allianz under customary conditions.

There are no direct consultancy or other service relationships between the Company and any given member of the Supervisory Board. In 2014, the Fresenius Group had consultancy contracts with the management consultancy firm Roland Berger Strategy Consultants GmbH, an affiliated company of the management consultancy firm Roland Berger Strategy Consultants Holding GmbH. Prof. Dr. h. c. Roland Berger is a member of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE and a member of the Supervisory Board of our Company. Prof. Dr. h. c. Berger is, at the same time, a partner in Roland Berger Strategy Consultants Holding GmbH. The Fresenius Group paid approximately €3.1 million (2013: €2.9 million) to companies of the Roland Berger Group associated with this company. The Supervisory Board closely examined this mandate and approved it in the fiscal year 2013. Prof. Dr. h. c. Berger abstained from voting. The respective approval was made on the basis of a written submission to the Supervisory Board and prior to the payment of the invoices for the services. Work on this mandate given in the 2013 fiscal year continued in the fiscal year 2014.

Furthermore, various companies of the Fresenius Group were advised by affiliated companies of the internationally acting law firm Noerr. Dr. Dieter Schenk, member of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE and Deputy Chairman of the same, is also a partner of the law firm Noerr LLP. In 2014, the Fresenius

Group paid or processed for payment in December about €1.8 million to the law firm Noerr (2013: €1.5 million). This corresponds to 1% of the total amount paid by the Fresenius Group for services and legal advice in 2014 (2013: 1%). Not included in the amount paid or processed for payment are such payments made in 2014 that had already been processed for payment in 2013, and have therefore already been reported for the 2013 fiscal year. Of the total amount for the 2014 fiscal year, about €0.7 million was attributable to services for Group companies not related to the business segment Fresenius Medical Care. The services rendered for Group companies of the business segment Fresenius Medical Care require separate approval by the Supervisory Boards of Fresenius Medical Care Management AG and Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA. The Supervisory Board of Fresenius Management SE, of which Dr. Schenk is a member, closely examined this mandate and approved it. Dr. Schenk abstained from voting. The Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA, of which Dr. Schenk is not a member, dealt with the amounts for legal services paid to the law firm Noerr in relation to the amounts paid to other law firms.

The payments mentioned in this section are net amounts in euros. VAT was paid also.

For more information on corporate governance at Fresenius, please refer to the Corporate Governance Declaration and Report on pages 11 to 35 of the Annual Report. Fresenius has disclosed the information on related parties in its quarterly reports and on page 179 of the Annual Report.

WORK OF THE COMMITTEES

The Audit Committee held three meetings and four conference calls in 2014. The main focus of its monitoring activities was on the preliminary audit of the annual financial statements of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and the Group for 2012 and discussions with the auditors about their reports and the terms of reference of the audit. Another matter dealt with by the Audit Committee was its recommendation to the Supervisory Board regarding which auditing firm to propose to the Annual General Meeting for election as auditor for the annual financial statements of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and the Group for 2014. The Supervisory Board's proposal to the Annual General Meeting in 2014 to elect KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Berlin, as auditor was based on a recommendation to this effect by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee also reviewed the 2014 quarterly reports, the controlling reports on the development of the acquisitions, the compliance, the risk management system, the internal control system, and the internal auditing system. The Chairman of the Audit Committee reported regularly in the following Supervisory Board meetings on the work of the committee.

The Company's Nomination Committee did not meet in 2014.

The Joint Committee, whose approval is necessary for certain important transactions of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA and for certain legal acts between the Company and the Else Kröner-Fresenius Foundation, did not meet in 2014 because no transactions were effected that required the Joint Committee's approval.

There is no Mediation Committee because the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA does not appoint the Management Board members of Fresenius Management SE.

For more information about the committees, their composition, and their work methods, please refer to the Corporate Governance Declaration and Report on pages 15, 16, and 191 of the Annual Report.

PERSONNEL

Dr. Gerhard Rupprecht, a member of the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA was killed in an accident on August 8, 2014. Dr. Rupprecht joined the Supervisory Board of the now Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA in October 2004, and as Deputy Chairman since March 2011 made important contributions to the Company's successful development. We will retain respectful memories of Dr. Rupprecht.

The Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA will propose that the next Annual General Meeting elect Mr. Michael Diekmann, who will serve as Chief Executive Officer of Allianz SE until May 2015, to the Supervisory Board.

In 2014, there were no changes in the composition of the Management Board of the general partner Fresenius Management SE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounting records, the financial statements prepared according to the German Commercial Code (HGB), and the 2014 Management Report of the Company were audited by KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Berlin. The firm was elected as auditor in accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA on May 16, 2014, and was subsequently commissioned by the Supervisory Board. The auditors of KPMG issued their unqualified audit opinion for these statements. The same applies to the Company's consolidated financial statements, prepared according to IFRS accounting principles, and to the regulations that govern these statements pursuant to Section 315a of the German Commercial Code (HGB). It also applies to the Company's consolidated financial statements, which are prepared voluntarily according to U.S. GAAP.

The financial statements, the consolidated financial statements, the Management Reports, and the auditor's reports were submitted to each member of the Company's Supervisory Board within the required time. At their meetings on March 12 and 13, 2015, the Audit Committee and then the Supervisory Board discussed all the documents in detail.

The auditors delivered a detailed report on the results of the audit at each of these meetings. They found no weaknesses in the risk management system and the internal control system with regard to the accounting process. The auditors attended all meetings of the Supervisory Board and all meetings and conference calls of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee and the Supervisory Board approved the auditor's findings. Also the Audit Committee's and the Supervisory Board's own review found no objections to the Company's financial statements and Management Report or the consolidated financial statements and the Group Management Reports. At its meeting on March 13, 2015, the Supervisory Board approved the financial statements and Management Reports presented by the general partner and the statements contained therein with respect to future development.

The Supervisory Board concurs with the general partner's proposal on the allocation of the 2014 distributable profit.

The Supervisory Board would like to thank the members of the Management Board of the general partner and all employees for their outstanding achievements.

Bad Homburg v. d. H., March 13, 2015

The Supervisory Board

Dr. Gerd Krick
Chairman