

Rieter at a glance

Orders received
in CHF million



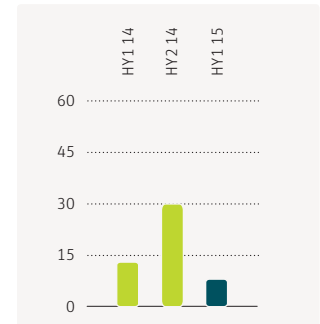
Sales
in CHF million



EBIT
in CHF million



Capital expenditures
in CHF million



CHF million	January - June 2015	July - December 2014	January - June 2014	Change ¹	Change in local currencies ¹
Rieter					
Orders received	388.3	490.6	655.5	-41%	-40%
Sales	553.9	631.3	522.1	6%	7%
Operating result before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)	66.0	77.0	48.4		
· in % of sales	11.9%	12.2%	9.3%		
Operating result before interest and taxes (EBIT)	46.1	55.8	28.8		
· in % of sales	8.3%	8.8%	5.5%		
Net profit	29.1	38.6	14.3		
· in % of sales	5.3%	6.1%	2.7%		
Earnings per share	CHF 6.36	8.40	3.12		
Capital expenditures on tangible and intangible assets	7.3	29.7	12.5	-42%	
Number of employees at the end of the period (excluding temporary personnel)	5 150	5 004	4 835	7%	
Business Group Machines & Systems					
Orders received	225.5	339.8	493.5	-54%	-55%
Sales	392.7	477.4	376.1	4%	3%
Operating result before interest and taxes (EBIT)	17.2	30.0	10.6		
· in % of sales	4.4%	6.3%	2.8%		
Business Group After Sales					
Orders received	65.1	67.8	72.8	-11%	-9%
Sales	69.6	67.9	59.6	17%	19%
Operating result before interest and taxes (EBIT)	13.6	11.5	8.5		
· in % of sales	19.5%	16.9%	14.3%		
Business Group Components					
Orders received	97.6	83.1	89.2	9%	18%
Sales	91.6	86.0	86.4	6%	14%
Total segment sales	125.4	132.0	130.1	-4%	4%
Operating result before interest and taxes (EBIT)	16.0	18.4	14.1		
· in % of segment sales	12.8%	13.9%	10.8%		

1. Change January - June 2015 vs. January - June 2014.

Good result for first half of year

Sales up on previous year – EBIT margin of over 8% – all three business groups contributed to success – vigorous implementation of the STEP UP program started in 2014

Rieter achieved a significant increase in sales and profitability in the first half of 2015. Sales rose by 6% to 553.9 million CHF. As a result, the EBITDA margin amounted to 11.9% and the EBIT margin to 8.3% of sales (compared to 9.3% and 5.5%, respectively, in the first half of 2014). Net profit rose to 29.1 million CHF or 5.3% of sales (compared to 14.3 million CHF or 2.7% of sales in the first half of 2014).

Since January 1, 2015, Rieter has been conducting its operations in three business groups: Machines & Systems (machinery business), After Sales (spare parts and services) and Components (technology components). The company is thus also taking account in particular of the strategic importance of the after-sales business and improving transparency. With the figures for the first half of 2015, Rieter is reporting results on the basis of this new structure for the first time.

Dear shareholder

Rieter posted pleasing growth in sales on the back of its large order backlog at the start of the year. Compared to the same period of the previous year, sales rose by 6% to 553.9 million CHF (522.1 million CHF in the first half of 2014).

The disproportionately high increase in profitability is especially pleasing: EBITDA rose by 36% to 66.0 million CHF, corresponding to 11.9% of sales (compared to 9.3% in the first half of 2014). EBIT rose by 60% to 46.1 million CHF; the EBIT margin increased from 5.5% to 8.3% of sales. This reflects the positive development in the three business groups and the effects of the cost-reduction measures which Rieter laid down and implemented as a response to the scrapping of the minimum exchange rate of the euro in January 2015. The gain on the sale of a property amounting to 5.0 million CHF also contributed to the satisfying result.

There was an improvement in Rieter's financial result (-4.7 million CHF compared to -7.3 million CHF in the first half of 2014);

the tax ratio was 29.7% (compared to 33.5% in the first half of 2014). On account of the favorable trend of these two parameters along with the improvement in EBIT, the group's net result rose significantly to 29.1 million CHF or 5.3% of sales (compared to 14.3 million CHF or 2.7% of sales in the first half of 2014).

Rieter's capital expenditure in the period under review totaled 7.3 million CHF, a good 40% less than the corresponding figure in the first half of 2014. Research and development spending increased slightly to 22.9 million CHF (compared to 21.5 million CHF in the first half of 2014).

Net working capital increased by 37.5 million CHF in the first half year of 2015, although inventories were reduced. This development is due to an increase in trade receivables and a reduction in trade payables as well as advance payments from customers. Free cash flow amounted to -5.1 million CHF (compared to -2.9 million CHF in the first half of 2014).

After payment of a dividend of 20.6 million CHF (4.50 CHF per share) out of the reserve from capital contributions and the repayment of a bond issue totaling 151.9 million CHF in April 2015, cash and cash equivalents at Rieter amounted to 257.6 million CHF and net liquidity to 139.0 million CHF as of June 30, 2015. Rieter is soundly financed and has an equity ratio of 42.7%.

The market situation forecast by Rieter at the results press conference held in March proved to be true for the first half of 2015. Spinning mills performed at a healthy level in many key markets and this had a positive effect on order intake and sales for the After Sales and Components business groups. For the Machines & Systems Business Group, subdued investment demand from customers was clearly apparent. This trend is due to spinning mills' low margins on the one hand, and to global currency turbulence on the other. These developments, however, did not lead to an increase in order cancellations in the period under review.

Asian markets continued to develop at the good level of the previous year during the first half of 2015. Compared to the strong first half of 2014, a significant drop in orders was recorded above all in Turkey, while customers in India continued to invest at a solid level. In China, the market remained subdued.

As expected, order intake (388.3 million CHF) was therefore lower than in the second half of 2014 (490.6 million CHF) and the first half of 2014 (655.5 million CHF). As of June 30, 2015, the order backlog amounted to around 540 million CHF (December 31, 2014: around 730 million CHF).

Rieter employed a workforce of 5 150 as of June 30, 2015, compared to 4 835 a year earlier. This increase is mainly due to the rise in the number of employees in the Czech Republic. The number of additional temporary employees was reduced by Rieter to 871 (or 14.5% of the entire workforce) by the middle of the year, against the backdrop of the lower volume of orders; in comparison, there were 1 265 temporary employees (or 20.7% of the entire workforce) in the first half of 2014.

Business Groups

The trend in sales was positive in all three business groups. Machines & Systems was responsible for 71% of sales, and After Sales and Components for 13% and 16%, respectively.

Machines & Systems increased sales by 4% to 392.7 million CHF (compared to 376.1 million CHF of sales in the first half of 2014), and After Sales by 17% to 69.6 million CHF (compared to 59.6 million CHF in the first half of 2014). At Components, sales to third parties grew by 6% to 91.6 million CHF (compared to 86.4 million CHF in the first half of 2014). Segment sales, i.e. including deliveries to Machines & Systems, dropped slightly (by 4%) to 125.4 million CHF (compared to 130.1 million CHF during the first half of 2014).

All business groups contributed to the positive trend in profitability.

At the Machines & Systems Business Group, EBIT rose by 62% to 17.2 million CHF (compared to 10.6 million CHF in the first half of 2014). This corresponds to an EBIT margin of 4.4% of sales (compared to 2.8% in the first half of 2014). After Sales increased EBIT by 60% to 13.6 million CHF or 19.5% of sales (compared to 8.5 million CHF or 14.3% of sales in the first half of 2014). Components increased EBIT by 13% to 16.0 million CHF and the EBIT margin improved to 12.8% of segment sales (compared to 14.1 million CHF and 10.8% in the first half of 2014).

Trends in demand differed at the three business groups.

The demand for technology components was very satisfying. The Components Business Group posted order intake amounting to 97.6 million CHF, up by 9% on the first half of 2014 (89.2 million CHF). Orders from India and other Asian countries for the EliTe compact spinning system were pivotal to this increase in demand. Orders received by the Machines & Systems Business Group during the first half of 2015 amounted to 225.5 million CHF (compared to 493.5 million CHF during the first half of 2014), representing a considerable decline. At After Sales, order intake amounted to 65.1 million CHF compared to 72.8 million CHF during the first half of 2014, a drop of 11%; this reduction was principally due to fewer orders for installation services, which itself is linked to the reduced order intake at Machines & Systems.

Priorities for 2015

The company worked intensively during the first half of 2015 on the implementation of the three strategic priorities which it set out in fall last year. The implementation program is known as STEP UP.

Boosting innovative capability: The increased expenditure on research and development during the period under review was mainly directed at the completion of important product development projects, which will be presented in November at the ITMA textile machinery trade fair in Milan.

Expanding after-sales business: Rieter is in the process of positioning its important, long-established service facilities on the market as an independent business. With a comprehensive range of services covering the entire product life cycle, the company aims to support customers in the operation of their systems and thereby enhance their competitiveness.

Rieter's after-sales business focuses on the growing global spinning capacities of customers operating Rieter machines and systems. The Machines & Systems Business Group is focusing increasingly on systems expertise and flexibility in response to fluctuations in demand. The Components Business Group also supplies components, spare parts and wearing parts to other textile machinery manufacturers and their customers.

In April 2015, Rieter opened China's first, and the world's most state-of-the-art, technology center for short-staple spinning at

its Changzhou site. This marks the completion of Rieter's expansion in China. The spinning center provides services including spinning trials for customers, customer training and technology trials. As a result, Rieter's technological know-how is now also available to customers in China and the surrounding countries.

Increasing profitability: Rieter has initiated short-, medium- and long-term measures to further reduce its exposure to the Swiss franc and generally to improve efficiency. A series of measures activated at short notice already had a cost-reducing effect in the first half of 2015, and was thus a contributory factor in increasing profitability. In the coming months, measures aimed at reducing the volume of purchases in Swiss francs and streamlining the production structure in Winterthur will be of primary concern.

Events after balance sheet date

In the context of focusing on its core business, Rieter has sold the Schaltag Group, consisting of Schaltag AG (Switzerland) and Schaltag CZ s.r.o. (Czech Republic), to a private Swiss investor group with an industrial background. Schaltag and Rieter will continue to cooperate in the field of switchgear cabinet manufacturing. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

Outlook

There was a healthy trend in demand for products and services provided by After Sales and Components in the first six months of the year. By contrast, Machines & Systems' markets were characterized by spinning mills' reluctance to invest. In Rieter's view, the market situation will remain essentially unchanged in the short term. The company expects sales for the whole of 2015 to be lower than in 2014. Consequently, EBIT and net profit are expected to be lower than in 2014. Depending on the effective currency scenario, the negative impact on operating profitability is unchanged estimated in the range of 100 to 200 basis points compared to 2014.

In order to achieve its medium-term targets, Rieter continues to work on the implementation of its strategic priorities of innovation, expansion of the after-sales business and improvement of profitability.

Winterthur, July 22, 2015

Erwin Stoller



Chairman
of the Board of Directors

Dr. Norbert Klapper



Chief Executive Officer
and Head Business Group
Machines & Systems

Consolidated income statement

	Notes	January - June 2015		January - June 2014		January - December 2014	
		CHF million	% *	CHF million	% *	CHF million	% *
Sales	(7)	553.9	100.0	522.1	100.0	1 153.4	100.0
Change in semi-finished and finished goods		-10.2	-1.9	7.6	1.5	-4.5	-0.4
Own work capitalized		0.3	0.1	0.5	0.1	1.8	0.1
Material costs		-260.3	-47.0	-251.7	-48.2	-552.5	-47.9
Employee costs		-149.6	-27.0	-153.4	-29.4	-307.1	-26.6
Other operating expenses		-87.7	-15.8	-88.5	-17.0	-186.2	-16.1
Other operating income		19.6	3.5	11.8	2.3	20.5	1.7
Depreciation and amortization		-19.9	-3.6	-19.6	-3.8	-40.8	-3.5
Operating result before interest and taxes (EBIT)		46.1	8.3	28.8	5.5	84.6	7.3
Financial result		-4.7		-7.3		-13.3	
Profit before taxes		41.4	7.5	21.5	4.1	71.3	6.2
Income taxes		-12.3		-7.2		-18.4	
Net profit		29.1	5.3	14.3	2.7	52.9	4.6
Attributable to shareholders of Rieter Holding Ltd.		29.1		14.3		52.8	
Attributable to non-controlling interests		0.0		0.0		0.1	
Earnings per share	CHF	6.36		3.12		11.52	
Diluted earnings per share	CHF	6.35		3.12		11.51	

* In % of sales.

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

CHF million	January - June 2015	January - June 2014	January - December 2014
Net profit	29.1	14.3	52.9
Remeasurement defined benefit plans ¹	5.5	1.7	2.6
Income taxes on remeasurement	-1.1	-0.3	-0.2
Items that will not be reclassified to income statement, net of taxes	4.4	1.4	2.4
Currency translation differences	-32.9	-2.0	13.6
Financial instruments available for sale:			
Change in fair value	1.3	0.6	1.1
Income taxes on change in fair value	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Results reclassified to income statement	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Items that may be reclassified to income statement, net of taxes	-31.8	-1.4	14.6
Total other comprehensive income	-27.4	0.0	17.0
Total comprehensive income	1.7	14.3	69.9
Attributable to shareholders of Rieter Holding Ltd.	1.7	14.3	69.3
Attributable to non-controlling interests	0.0	0.0	0.6

1. Actuarial gains and losses as well as impact IFRIC 14.

Consolidated balance sheet

CHF million	Notes	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2014
Assets				
Tangible fixed assets		249.6	256.5	278.9
Intangible assets		17.6	22.9	20.2
Other non-current assets, deferred tax assets		94.0	83.1	88.2
Non-current assets		361.2	362.5	387.3
Inventories		207.8	264.8	253.1
Trade receivables		101.9	105.1	73.5
Other receivables		55.5	67.4	49.9
Marketable securities and time deposits		7.6	9.1	108.7
Cash and cash equivalents		257.6	291.3	336.9
Current assets		630.4	737.7	822.1
Assets		991.6	1 100.2	1 209.4
Shareholders' equity and liabilities				
Equity attributable to shareholders of Rieter Holding Ltd.		423.1	387.3	441.1
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests		0.8	0.6	0.8
Total shareholders' equity		423.9	387.9	441.9
Long-term financial debt	(4)	106.6	6.4	105.8
Provisions, other non-current liabilities		138.4	133.4	141.7
Non-current liabilities		245.0	139.8	247.5
Trade payables		63.3	106.5	107.6
Advance payments from customers		90.1	138.8	104.4
Short-term financial debt	(4)	19.6	175.4	168.1
Provisions, other current liabilities		149.7	151.8	139.9
Current liabilities		322.7	572.5	520.0
Liabilities		567.7	712.3	767.5
Shareholders' equity and liabilities		991.6	1 100.2	1 209.4

Changes in consolidated equity

CHF million	January - June 2015	January - June 2014	January - December 2014
Total shareholders' equity at end of previous period	441.9	389.7	389.7
Total comprehensive income	1.7	14.3	69.9
Distribution of dividend out of reserve from capital contributions	-20.6	-16.0	-16.0
Change in holding of treasury shares (incl. share-based compensation)	0.9	-0.1	-1.7
Total shareholders' equity at end of reporting period	423.9	387.9	441.9

Consolidated statement of cash flows

CHF million	Notes	January - June 2015	January - June 2014	January - December 2014
Net profit		29.1	14.3	52.9
Interest income / interest expenses		4.1	6.1	10.7
Income taxes		12.3	7.2	18.4
Depreciation and amortization		19.9	19.6	40.8
Other non-cash income and expenses		- 5.2	1.9	4.9
Change in net working capital, other		- 46.2	- 21.9	- 13.2
Interest received / interest paid		- 7.1	- 9.4	- 6.2
Taxes paid		- 11.6	- 8.5	- 18.7
Net cash from operating activities		- 4.7	9.3	89.6
Capital expenditures on tangible and intangible assets		- 7.3	- 12.5	- 42.2
Proceeds from disposals of tangible fixed assets and intangible assets		6.2	0.3	1.1
Sale / purchase of marketable securities and time deposits		0.7	0.0	0.6
Net cash from investing activities		- 0.4	- 12.2	- 40.5
Dividend paid to shareholders of Rieter Holding Ltd.		- 20.6	- 16.0	- 16.0
Sale / purchase of treasury shares		0.9	- 0.1	- 1.7
Proceeds from issue of fixed-rate bond 2014 - 2020	(4)	0.0	0.0	99.4
Short-term deposit of proceeds from issue of fixed-rate bond 2014 - 2020	(4)	0.0	0.0	- 100.0
Proceeds from liquidation of short-term deposits	(4)	100.0	0.0	0.0
Repayment fixed-rate bond 2010 - 2015	(4)	- 152.1	- 23.0	- 32.5
Proceeds from / repayments of other financial debt		4.6	- 26.6	- 26.5
Net cash from financing activities		- 67.2	- 65.7	- 77.3
Currency translation differences		- 7.0	- 0.9	4.3
Change in cash and cash equivalents		- 79.3	- 69.5	- 23.9
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		336.9	360.8	360.8
Cash and cash equivalents at end of reporting period		257.6	291.3	336.9

Notes to the semi-annual financial statements

1 Principles of consolidation and accounting policies

The consolidated semi-annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". They are based on the financial statements of the individual group companies drawn up according to uniform accounting principles as of June 30, 2015. The principles of consolidation and accounting principles set forth in the 2014 annual report have been amended in 2015 by the new and revised IFRS standards and interpretations. The adoption of new or amended regulations had no material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

The semi-annual report has not been audited by the statutory auditor. The consolidated income statement, statement of comprehensive income, balance sheet, changes in consolidated equity and statement of cash flows are presented in condensed form.

2 Changes in presentation

Segment information is presented for the first time in accordance with the organizational structure in force since January 1, 2015. Prior year figures have been restated.

Foreign currency risks are hedged by Rieter using forward foreign exchange contracts. Hedge accounting within the meaning of IAS 39 is not applied. Gains and losses resulting from the hedging of foreign currency sales were recognized as financial result in the semi-annual report 2014 and the financial report 2014. In the first half of 2015, the corresponding gains and losses became material for the first time and were therefore recognized as other operating income of 5.1 million CHF. This reclassification within the consolidated income statement had no impact on consolidated net profit and the consolidated balance sheet. As the gains and losses recognized as financial result in 2014 were immaterial, prior year figures were not restated.

3 Average exchange rates for foreign currency translation

	January - June 2015	January - June 2014	Change	January - December 2014
1 EUR	1.06	1.22	- 13%	1.21
1 USD	0.95	0.89	7%	0.92
100 CZK	3.85	4.45	- 13%	4.41
100 INR	1.51	1.47	3%	1.50
100 CNY	15.24	14.45	5%	14.86

4 Financial debt

The 4.5% fixed-rate bond 2010 - 2015 of 250 million CHF matured on April 30, 2015. The amount repaid on April 30, 2015 amounted to 151.9 million CHF, as Rieter had already repurchased a portion with a nominal value of 98.1 million CHF before the maturity date.

As of June 30, 2015, long-term financial debt includes a fixed-rate bond with a six-year maturity (2014 - 2020) and an interest rate of 1.5%. Rieter issued this 100 million CHF bond on September 1, 2014 and used it for a partial refinancing of the bond which matured on April 30, 2015. In September 2014, the funds of 100 million CHF had been temporarily deposited in money market accounts with maturity April 30, 2015. Consistent with the presentation in the financial report 2014, the related cash flows were therefore presented within financing activities of the statement of cash flows.

5 Financial instruments measured at fair value according to the categories of IFRS 7

There were no transfers between the categories and the valuation techniques have been applied consistently.

CHF million	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Assets level 1: Securities available for sale	7.2	6.8
Assets level 2: Non-current financial assets	3.9	2.4
Assets level 2: Positive replacement values of derivative financial instruments	5.1	1.5
Liabilities level 2: Negative replacement values of derivative financial instruments	1.0	1.1

On June 30, 2015, financial debt includes a fixed-rate bond with a carrying value of 99.6 million CHF (99.5 million CHF on December 31, 2014) and a fair value of 103.8 million CHF (102.7 million CHF on December 31, 2014). The issue is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

The carrying values of the other financial instruments correspond approximately to the fair values.

6 Segment information

Segment information is based on the Group's organization and management structure and the internal financial reporting to the Chief Operating Decision Maker up to the level of EBIT. The Chief Operating Decision Maker of Rieter is the Chief Executive Officer. Segment accounting is based on the same accounting policies as the consolidated financial statements. The Group consists of the three reportable segments Machines & Systems, After Sales and Components. There is no aggregation of operating segments. Rieter Machines & Systems develops and manufactures machinery and systems for processing natural and man-made fibers and their blends into yarns. Rieter After Sales serves Rieter customers with spare parts, value-adding after sales services and solutions over the entire product life cycle. Rieter Components supplies technology components to spinning mills and also to other textile machinery manufacturers.

CHF million	Machines & Systems	After Sales	Components	Total reportable segments
January - June 2015				
Total segment sales	392.7	69.6	125.4	587.7
Inter-segment sales	0.0	0.0	33.8	33.8
Sales to third parties	392.7	69.6	91.6	553.9
Operating result before interest and taxes (EBIT)	17.2	13.6	16.0	46.8
Capital expenditures on tangible and intangible assets	2.5	0.1	3.8	6.4
Depreciation and amortization	7.9	0.5	4.6	13.0
January - June 2014¹				
Total segment sales	376.1	59.6	130.1	565.8
Inter-segment sales	0.0	0.0	43.7	43.7
Sales to third parties	376.1	59.6	86.4	522.1
Operating result before interest and taxes (EBIT)	10.6	8.5	14.1	33.2
Capital expenditures on tangible and intangible assets	4.4	0.8	2.6	7.8
Depreciation and amortization	7.5	0.3	5.1	12.9
January - December 2014¹				
Total segment sales	853.5	127.5	262.1	1 243.1
Inter-segment sales	0.0	0.0	89.7	89.7
Sales to third parties	853.5	127.5	172.4	1 153.4
Operating result before interest and taxes (EBIT)	40.6	20.0	32.5	93.1
Capital expenditures on tangible and intangible assets	14.8	1.2	11.9	27.9
Depreciation and amortization	15.3	0.9	10.0	26.2

Reconciliation of segment results

CHF million	January - June 2015	January - June 2014 ¹	January - December 2014 ¹
Operating result before interest and taxes (EBIT) of reportable segments	46.8	33.2	93.1
Result which can not be allocated to reportable segments	-0.7	-4.4	-8.5
Operating result before interest and taxes (EBIT) Group	46.1	28.8	84.6
Financial result	-4.7	-7.3	-13.3
Profit before taxes	41.4	21.5	71.3

1. Restated figures according to new organizational structure, effective since January 1, 2015.

The result which can not be allocated to reportable segments includes all those elements of income and expenses which can not be allocated on a reasonable basis to the operating segments, such as certain costs of central functions and infrastructure as well as the elimination of unrealized profits on inter-segment deliveries.

In the first half of 2015, the result which can not be allocated to the reportable segments includes disposal gains on the sale of real estate of 5.0 million CHF, which were recognized as other operating income.

7 Change in sales and currency impact

CHF million	January - June 2015
Change in sales due to volume and price, Machines & Systems	11.3
Currency translation differences Machines & Systems	5.3
Change in sales due to volume and price, After Sales	11.1
Currency translation differences After Sales	- 1.1
Change in sales due to volume and price, Components	12.5
Currency translation differences Components	- 7.3
Total change in sales	31.8

In the first half of 2015, Rieter invoiced 50% of sales in Swiss francs (40% in 2014), 32% in euros (37% in 2014), 4% in US dollars (5% in 2014) and 14% in other currencies (18% in 2014). The portion of costs incurred in Swiss francs was about 30% (34% in 2014).

8 Sales by location of customers

CHF million	January - June 2015	January - June 2014	Change	Change in local currencies
Turkey	82.1	106.6	- 23%	- 22%
China	62.0	80.7	- 23%	- 23%
India	72.2	63.6	14%	16%
Asia without Turkey/China/India	176.5	141.1	25%	27%
Americas	109.3	79.8	37%	32%
Europe	40.5	38.1	6%	11%
Africa	11.3	12.2	- 7%	- 6%
Total	553.9	522.1	6%	7%

9 Events after balance sheet date; financial calendar

On July 22, 2015, Rieter sold Schaltag Group, which was part of the segment Machines & Systems, to a group of investors. Schaltag Group, with operations in Switzerland and the Czech Republic, provides machine control systems and generated third party sales of 17.5 million CHF in the first half of 2015.

The semi-annual report for 2015 was approved for publication by the Board of Directors on July 22, 2015. No events have occurred up to July 22, 2015, which would necessitate adjustments to the semi-annual report.

Publication of sales figures for the 2015 financial year
Results press conference and presentation of the 2015 financial statements
Annual General Meeting

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