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# Alpiq with strong European and trading business









### Lower EBITDA of CHF 166 million, as announced

- Swiss production operating at a loss in the market
- International production makes substantial contributions
- Strong trading and retail business

### **Balance sheet strengthened**

- Liquidity strengthened: CHF 1.25 billion
- Gross debt reduced to CHF 1.5 billion
- Equity ratio increased to 43.5 %

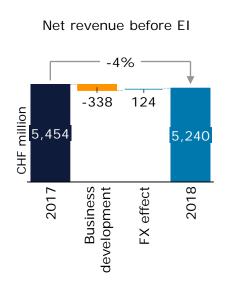
### **Turnaround completed**

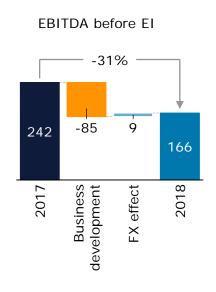
- Industrial business spun off
- Alpiq Group stabilised
- Business model sharpened

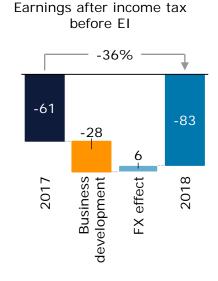
# Key Financial Figures 2018

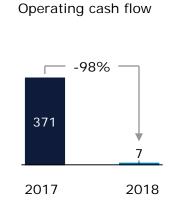


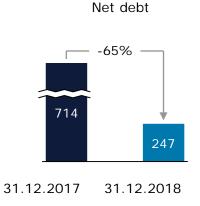
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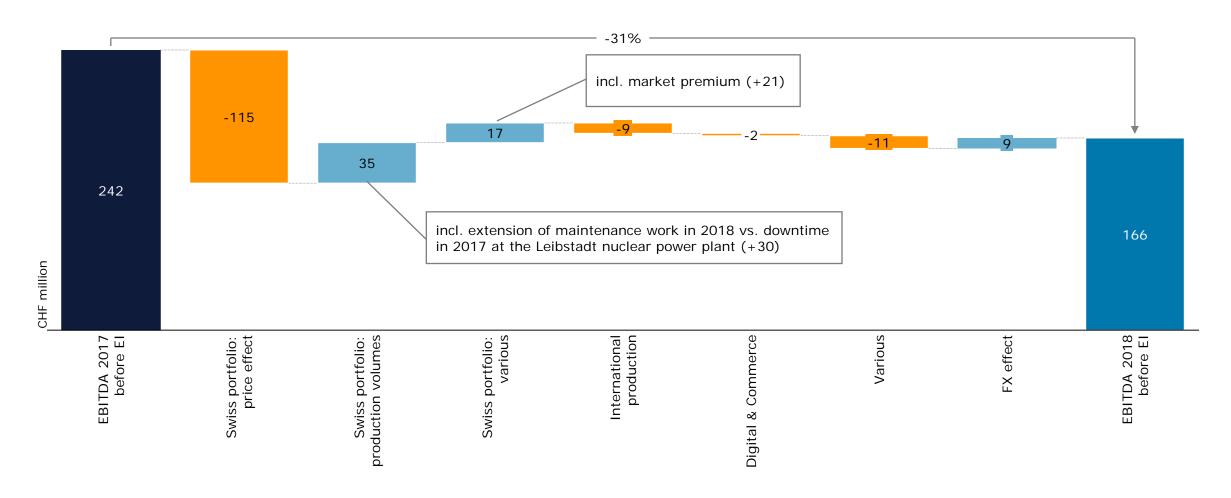
### Results of operations before exceptional items (EI)

- EBITDA of CHF 166 million, as announced, down on the previous year
- Operating cash flow down on the previous year as a result of lower operating profitability and the one-off positive effect from improvements to NWC in 2017
- Net debt reduction of CHF 467 million compared to the end of 2017

# Development of EBITDA before EI



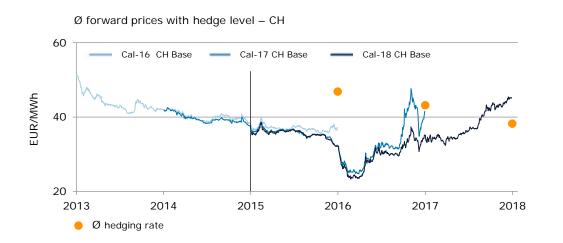
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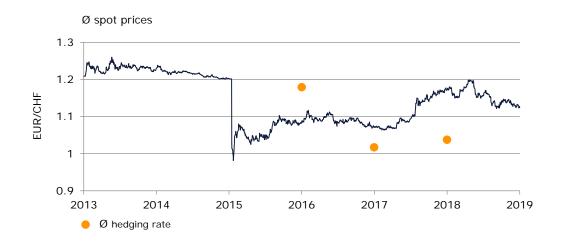


# Hedging transactions from previous years with time-delayed effect



Alpiq hedges energy and currency in advance on a rolling two- to three-year basis on average





# Time lapse of wholesale price effect causes lower earnings in 2018

Ø hedging rate 2016: EUR 47/MWh

2017: EUR 44/MWh

2018: EUR 38/MWh

# Currency effect with marginal impact compared to the previous year

Ø hedging rate 2016: EUR 1.19/CHF

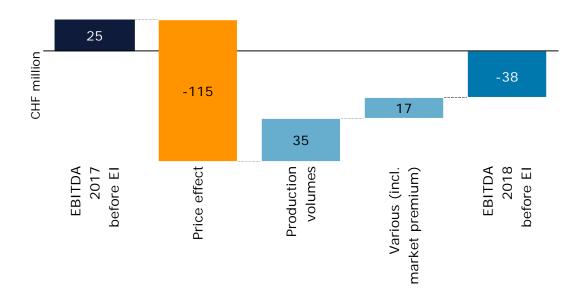
2017: EUR 1.04/CHF

2018: EUR 1.06/CHF

# Development of EBITDA by business division (I)



### External factors burden Swiss production



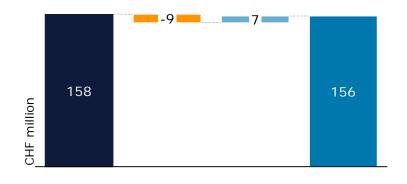
### **Generation Switzerland**

- Alpiq systematically hedges production in the market against price and currency fluctuations for future periods on a rolling two- to three-year basis on average
- Production costs remain above the hedged electricity prices from previous years
- Swiss power production from hydropower and nuclear power closed the year at a loss and down on the previous year, despite inflows from the market premium

# Development of EBITDA by business division (II)

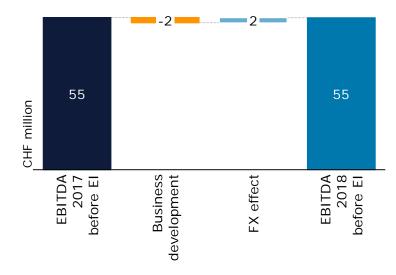


### Strong European and trading business



### **Generation International**

- International thermal production again made clearly positive contributions from all plants
- Wind power and photovoltaic plants in Italy added to portfolio



### **Digital & Commerce**

- Alpiq leverages its power plants in Switzerland on the spot market and in Italy on the ancillary services market
- Strengthened sales activities in France
- Lower earnings from the business in Eastern Europe on the back of the phase-out of activities in Romania and less trading activities
- Alpiq invests in expanding the Digital Technologies & Innovation business unit

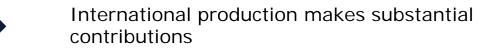
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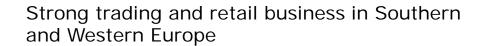


### Continuing operations









Swiss production operating at a loss in the market and down on the previous year

# Exceptional items on EBITDA level



### Continuing operations

CHF million	2018	2017
Impairments, provisions for onerous contracts and project losses *	19	53
Gain/loss from disposal of company parts **	0	0
Restructuring costs & litigations *	-16	-23
Performance of decommissioning and waste disposal funds	-96	68
Fair value changes of energy derivatives in connection with hedges for future power production and long-term purchase contracts ("accounting mismatch")	-64	3
Total exceptional items on EBITDA level	-157	101

<sup>\*</sup> Provided that these effects appear to be "one-off"

<sup>\*\*</sup> Effects from the divestment of the industrial business are not part of discontinued operations

# Exceptional item: Fair value changes of energy derivatives to hedge future power production



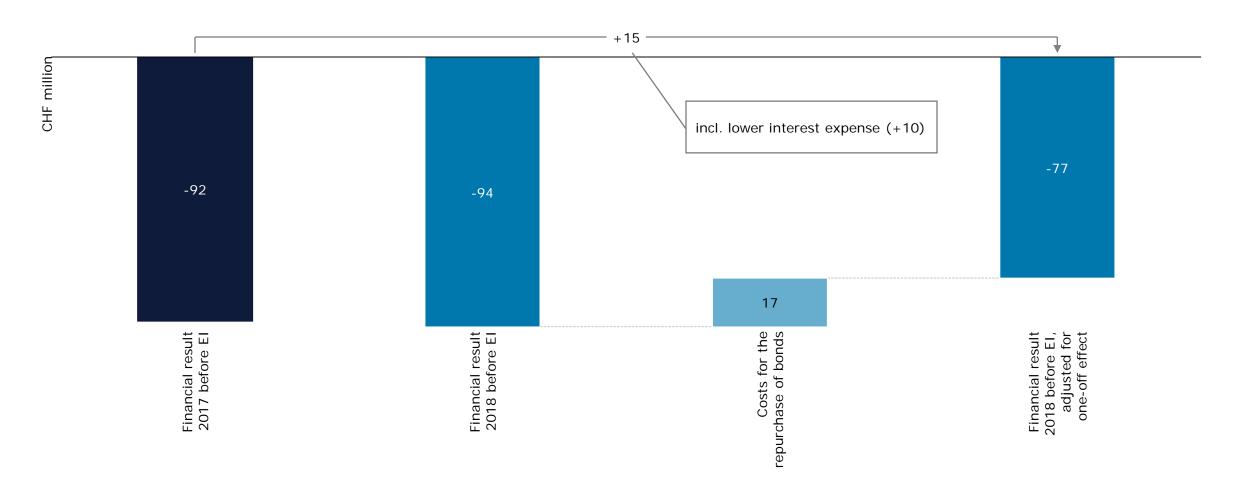
#### **Hedging strategy** Flexible asset portfolio Swiss plants with Power exchanges high flexibility Value of future Ensures that the power generation future expected MTM is exposed to Over-the-counter Flexible thermal assets revenue is asset fluctuating economically market prices hedged in advance Applying the IFRS accounting Contracts with optionality International markets rules leads to "noise" from hedges

- Under IFRS, the fair value changes of these hedges are recognised in the reporting year.
- Fair value changes of these hedges do not reflect the operating performance of business activities because they are economically linked to the change in value of production plants (not measured at fair value).
- "Results of operations before exceptional items" (non-GAAP) take this period shift under earnings into account by not including the fair value changes of energy derivatives that were entered into in connection with hedges for future power production. This does not apply to derivatives relating to our own trading activities.

# Development of Financial result



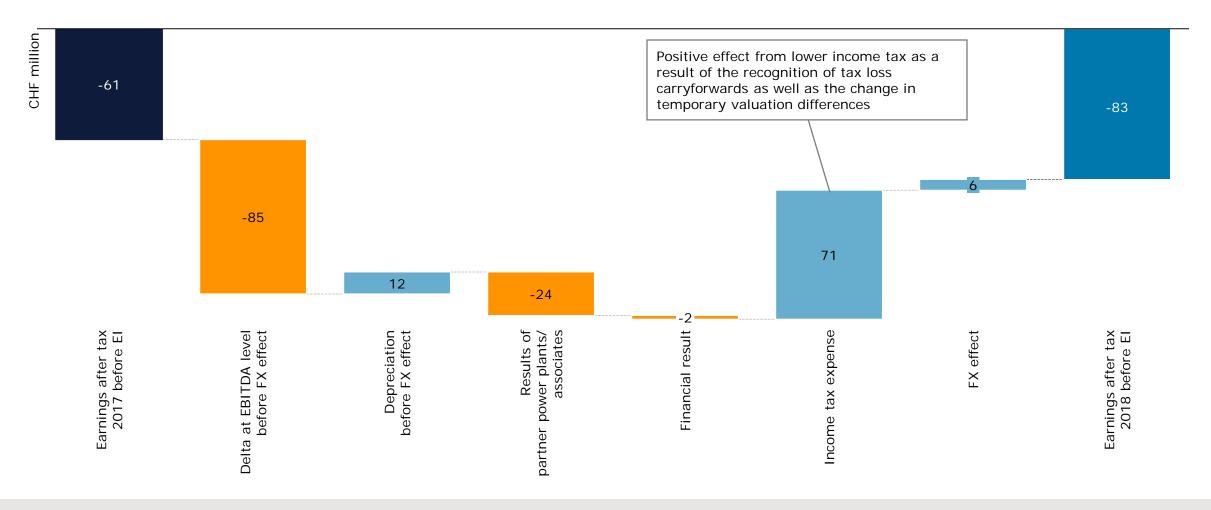
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# Development of earnings after tax

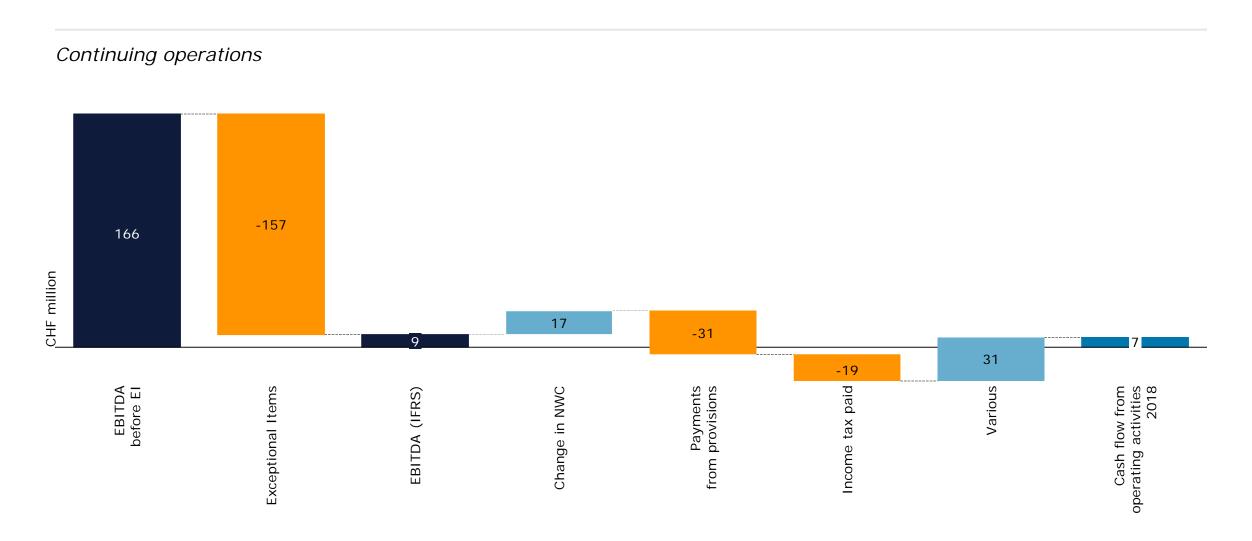


### Continuing operations



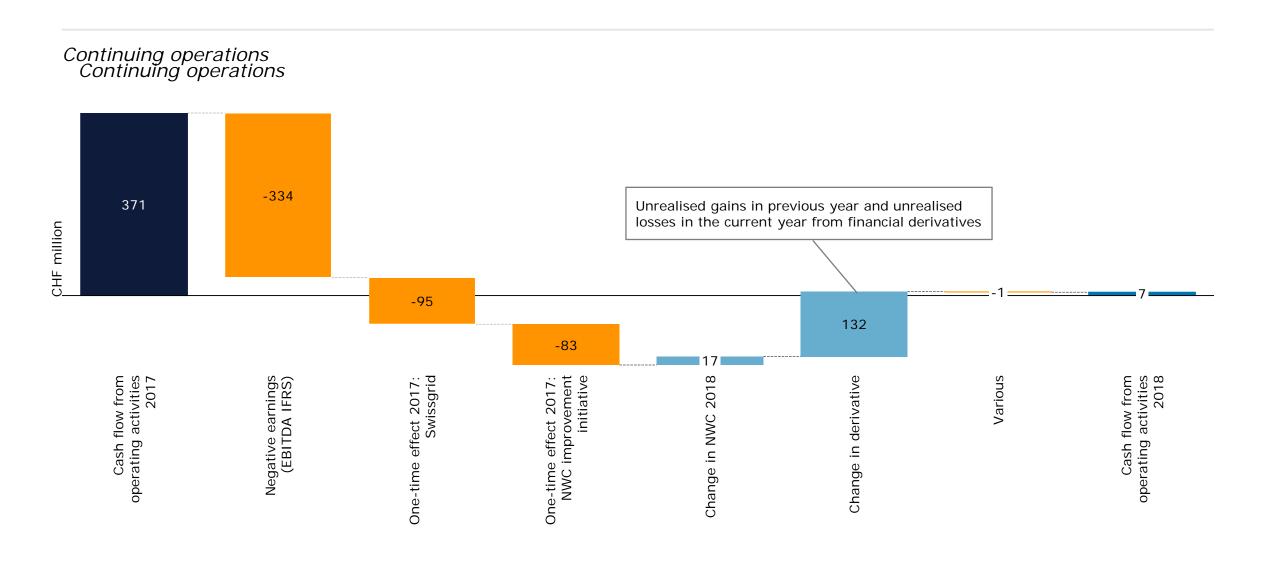
# Cash flow from operating activities





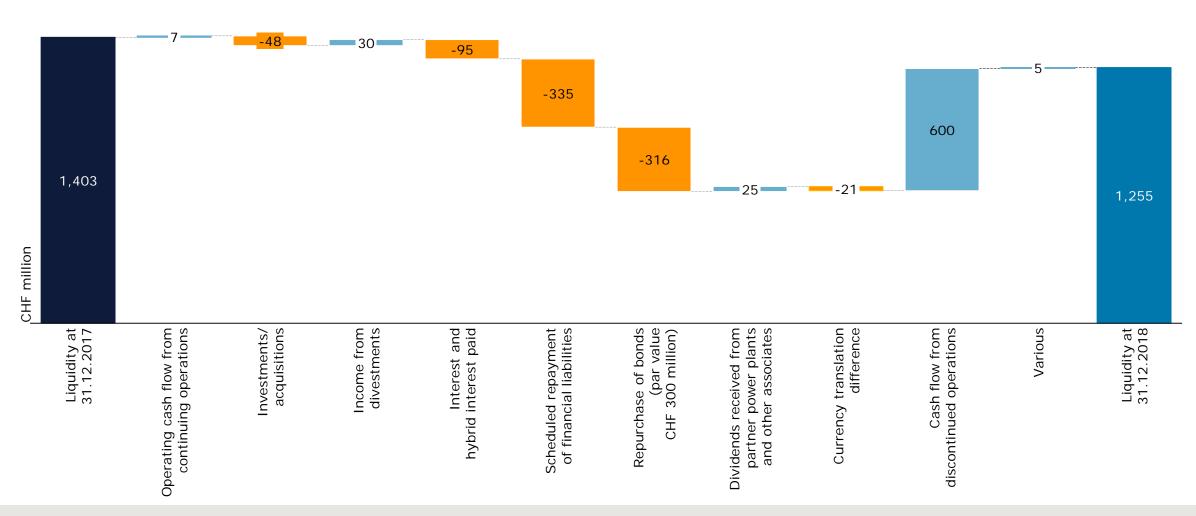
# Operating cash flow compared to the previous year





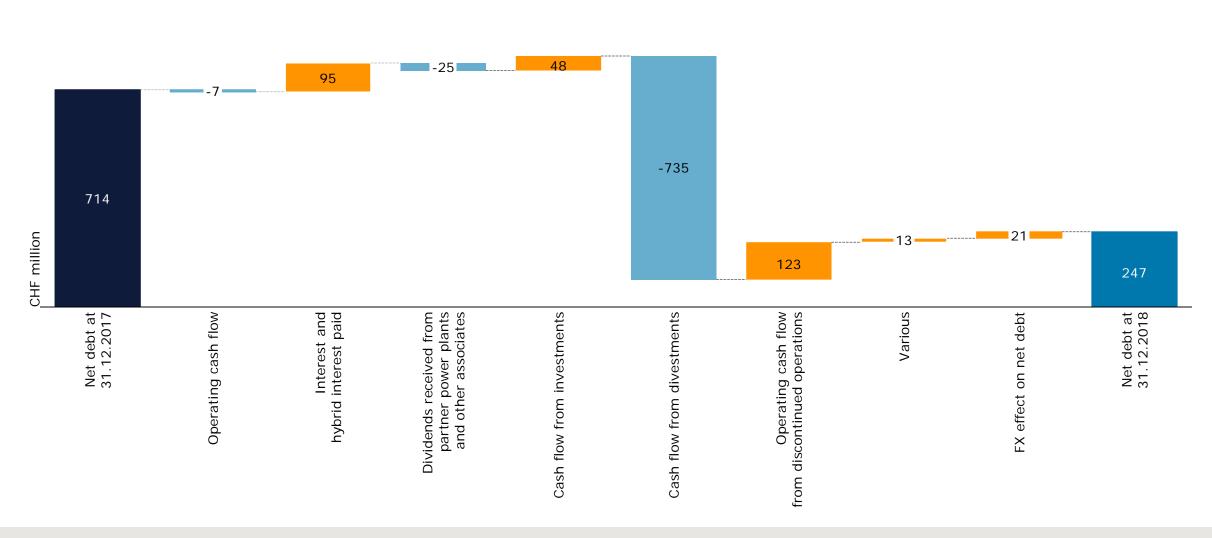
# Cash flow





# Development of net debt

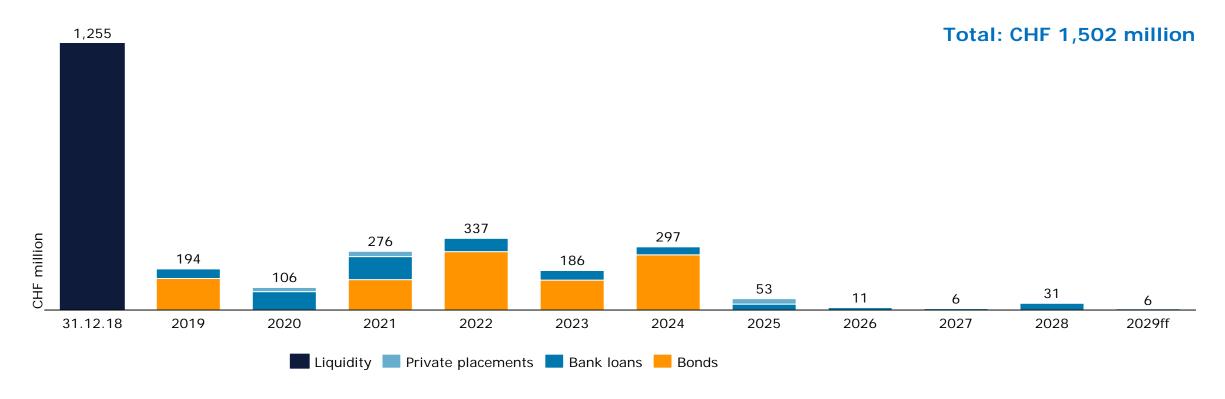




# Maturity profile at 31 December 2018



Financial liabilities staggered over long term

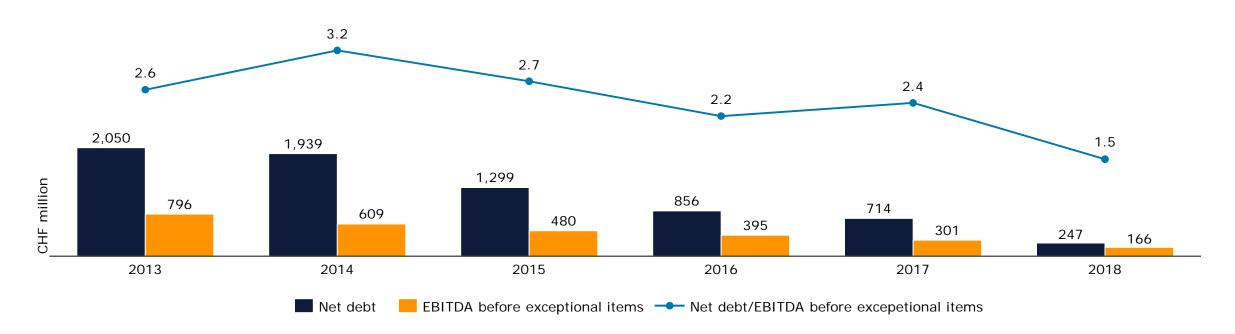


• Strengthened liquidity of CHF 1,255 million

## Financial liabilities



Debt situation improved significantly



- Net debt further reduced by CHF 467 million to CHF 247 million
- Net debt/EBITDA before exceptional items of 1.5

# Allocation of interest-bearing liabilities

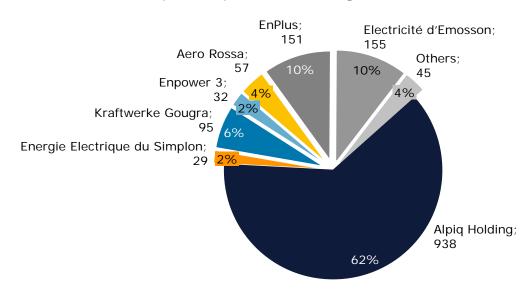


### At 31 December 2018

### Financing instruments (in CHF million)

# Project financings; 272 Bank loans; 178 Project financings; 272 Bank loans; 178 Bonds; 966

### Group Companies (with gross debt >CHF 25 million)

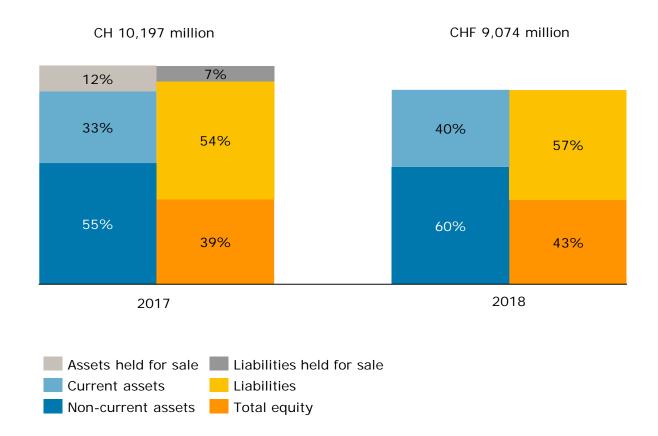


- Conservative financing profile with 64% of financial liabilities at Alpiq Holding level
- Low structural subordination
- Independent project financing structures subject to amortisation for RES companies and EnPlus
- Firmly committed credit lines of around CHF 300 million (non-utilised)

## Balance sheet remains stable



### Alpiq with strengthened liquidity and stable equity



 Liquidity strengthened: CHF 1.25 billion (previous year: CHF 1.40 billion)

 Stable equity: CHF 3.9 billion (previous year: CHF 4.0 billion)

• Equity ratio: 43.5% (previous year: 38.9%)

# Arbitration proceedings against Bouygues Construction



- Sale of Engineering Services business closed on 31 July 2018
- Sale price of CHF 790 million received
- Diverging views on adjustment amount: Alpiq is claiming for CHF 12.9 million,
   Bouygues Construction is demanding CHF 205.1 million
- Both parties filed for arbitration proceedings on 12 February 2019
- Currently not possible to estimate how much the definitive adjustment amount will be
- How long the proceedings will last is not known
- > Alpiq contests the claim of Bouygues both in terms of its amount and on its merits

### Tax audit in Romania



- Assessment of Alpiq Energy SE, Prague, in September 2017 issued by Romanian tax authority ANAF in the amount of RON 793 million (CHF 192 million) for the period of 2010 to 2014
- Decision on the appeal by ANAF in June 2018
  - upheld original opinion with regard to RON 589 million (CHF 142 million)
  - ordered reassessment with regard to RON 204 million (CHF 49 million)
- Alpiq continues to contest both in terms of its amount and on its merits
- Alpiq still deems it unlikely that this assessment will result in a negative outcome for the company
- No liability (provision) of RON 589 million at 31 December 2018; secured with pledged bank account of CHF 147 million
- Decision by Supreme Court in Bucharest on 29 January 2019: tax assessment is not enforceable until a court decision is handed down
- > Bank guarantee and pledged bank account rescinded on 14 February 2019

# Turnaround completed



Lower wholesale prices are having a time-delayed Swiss production operating at a loss in the market impact on Swiss electricity production Power production in Europe and trading business successful; strong trading and retail business in Southern Significantly positive EBITDA contributions and Western Europe Spin-off of the industrial business; sale closed Business model sharpened and Alpiq Group stabilised Financial strategy implemented further Debt reduced, balance sheet strengthened

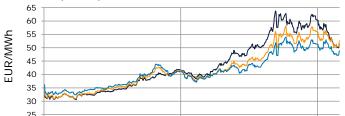
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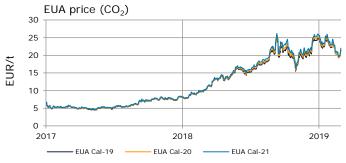
# Alpiq will benefit from increased prices from 2020 onwards



### Rising prices have a time-delayed positive effect on earnings









### Wholesale prices

- Significant increase in electricity prices on the wholesale markets
- Average hedging rate: 2019: EUR 34/MWh

2020: EUR 39/MWh

2021: EUR 46/MWh

### CO<sub>2</sub> prices

- Quadrupled since mid-2017
- More than doubled in 2018

### **EUR/CHF** exchange rate

- Delayed positive currency effect
- Average hedging rate: 2019: EUR 1.08 /CHF

2020: **EUR 1.169/CHF** 

2021: EUR 1.148/CHF

# Regulatory environment offers more opportunities than risks







### Swiss regulation makes it impossible to operate competitively

- Electricity market liberalisation stopped halfway
- Unique burden from water taxes unlike any other country
- Electricity agreement with the EU pending
- Nuclear power systematically made more expensive

### **European regulation distorts energy markets**

- Massive subsidies give rise to the wrong price signals
- National initiatives create imbalance
- Phase-out of nuclear power and coal in Germany is causing bottlenecks

# Alpiq business model well prepared for volatility



Diversification, hedges and scope

Historical core business

### Production



Decentralised production by third parties



New renewable energies



International thermal production



Swiss production (hydropower and nuclear power)

### Marketing



Digital solutions



Origination and retail

International

electricity trading



Asset optimisation

### Customers



Prosumer



Grid operators



Industry and commerce



Utilities

# Alpiq has good answers to questions of the future









### Megatrend: decentralisation

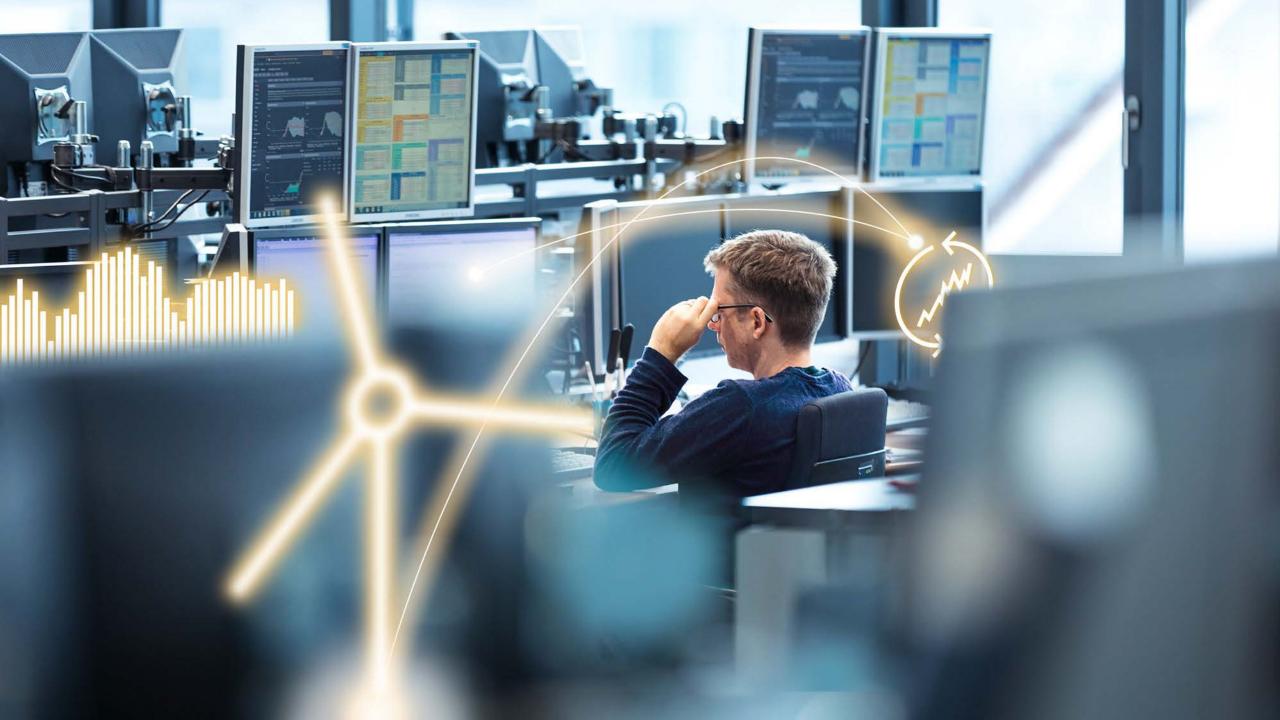
- Decentralisation causes grid instabilities
- Rising demand for flexible power production
- Alpiq well positioned across Europe with its highly flexible power plant portfolio

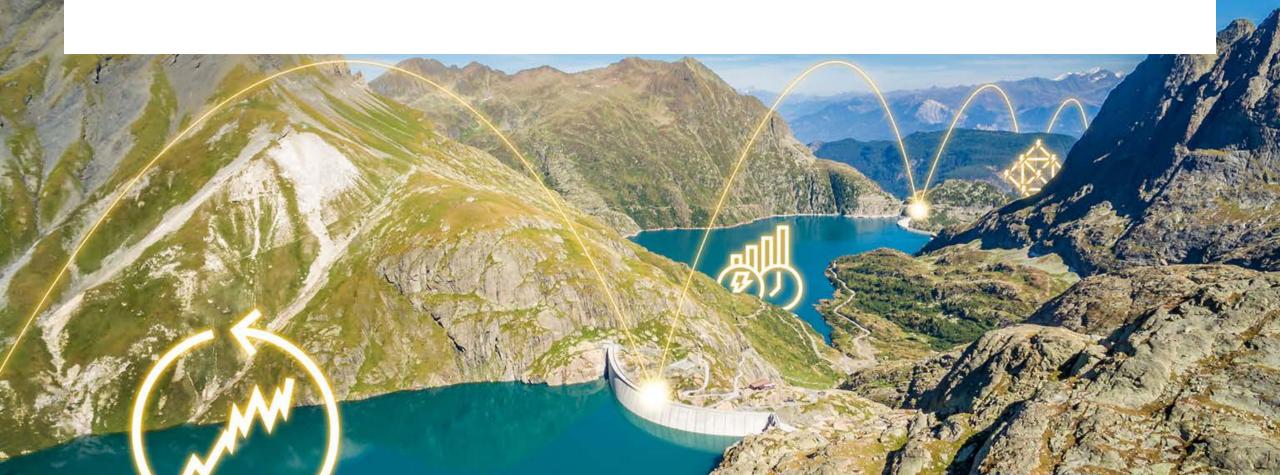
### Megatrend: decarbonisation/denuclearisation

- Decarbonisation/denuclearisation results in fewer conventional power plants
- Trend towards electricity bottlenecks and increase in price peaks in Europe
- CO<sub>2</sub>-free hydropower is the key to the energy future

### Megatrend: digitalisation

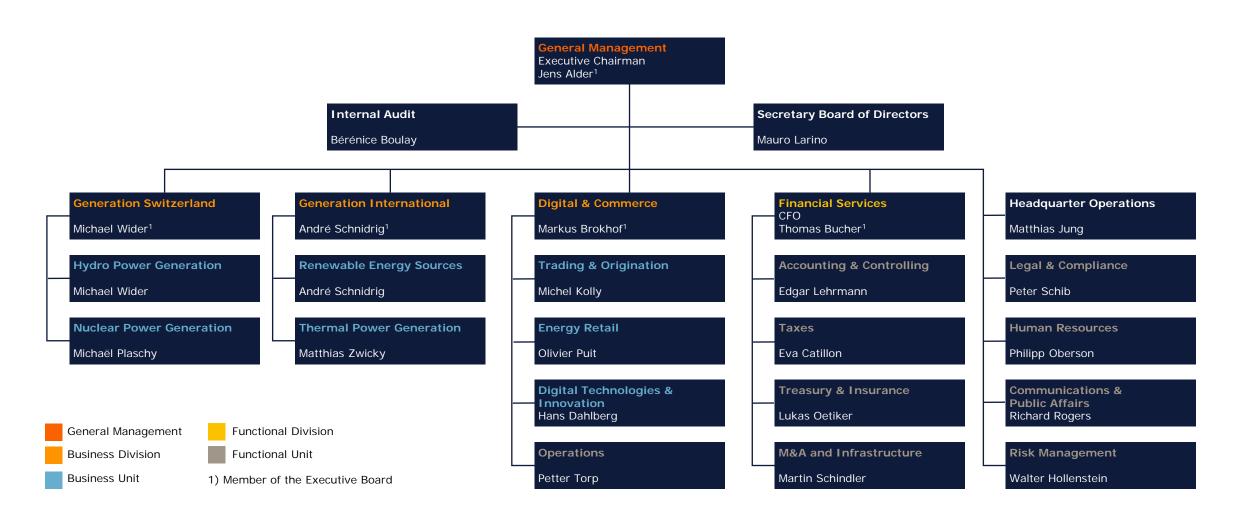
- Digitalisation turns the energy market upside down
- New business models developed from customers' point of view
- Alpiq well positioned as an early mover in the energy industry





# Organisation as at 1 January 2019





## Financial calendar 2019



14 May 2019

Annual General Meeting of Alpiq Holding Ltd. in Olten

26 August 2019

Interim results 2019

Media Breakfast in Olten and Analyst Conference Call

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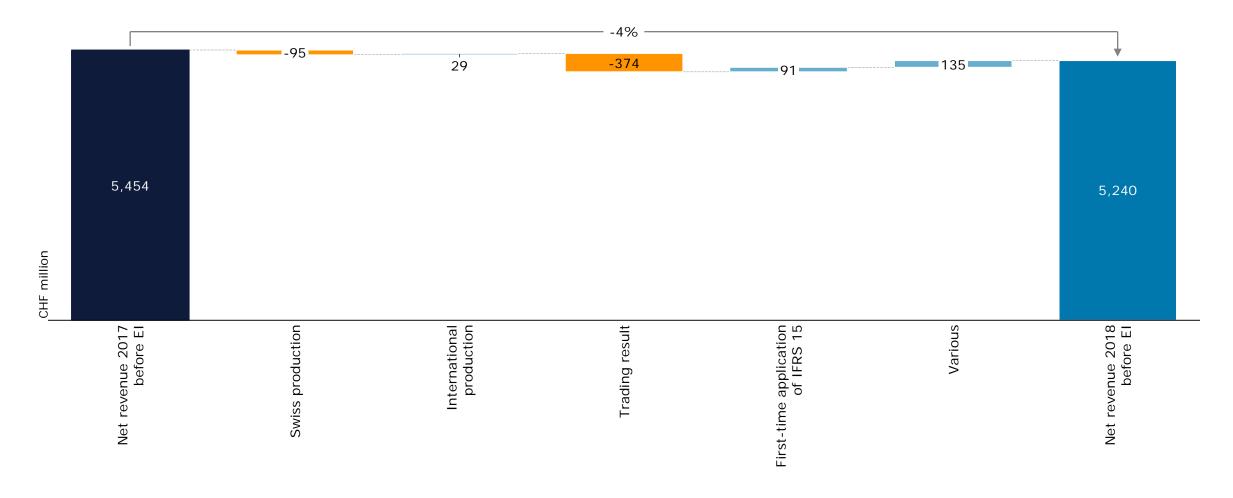
# Appendix



# Development of net revenue before EI



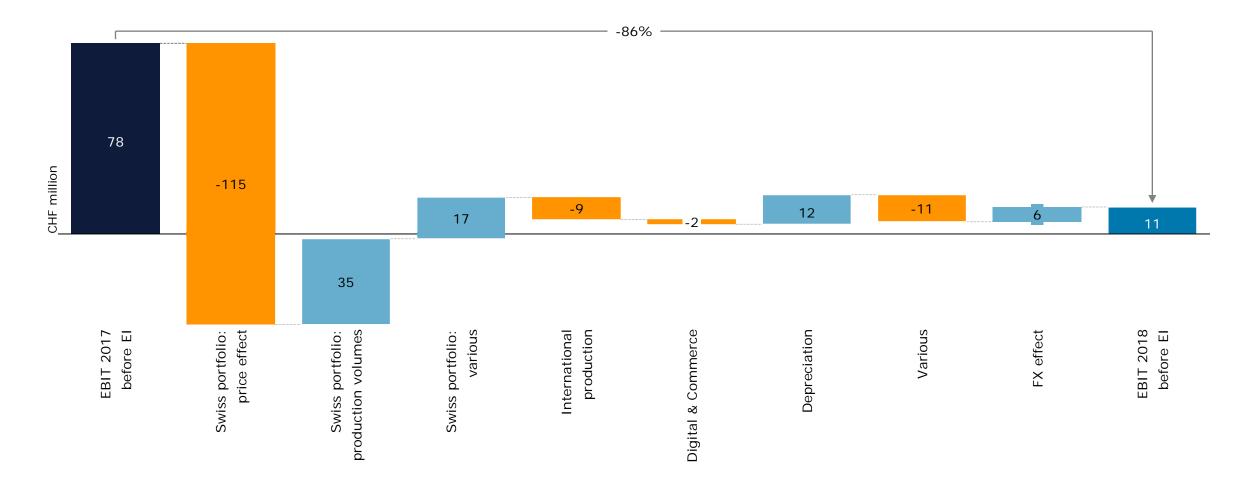
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# Development of EBIT before EI



### Continuing operations



## Shareholder structure





### Consortium of Swiss minority shareholders (shares in %)

EBM (Elektra Birseck Cooperative)	13.65
EBL (Elektra Baselland Cooperative)	7.13
Canton of Solothurn	5.61
Aziende Industriali di Lugano (AIL)	2.13
Eniwa Holding AG **	2.00
Wasserwerke Zug (WWZ)	0.91

\* Shareholders of EOS Holding SA:

Romande Energie (29.71 %)

Services Industriels de Genève - SIG (20.39 %)

Groupe E (23.09 %)

City of Lausanne (20.74 %)

Forces Motrices Valaisannes – FMV (6.07 %)

\*\* formerly IBAarau