

PRELIMINARY RESULTS FISCAL YEAR 2024: ANNUAL SALES +6% AND FOURTH OUARTER IN FURTHER GROWTH, STRONG INCREASE IN FISCAL YEAR EBITDA

The Board of Directors of OVS has acknowledged the preliminary results for fiscal year 2024.

The autumn/winter season is concluding with better results than the already positive spring/summer season, leading the group to close the fiscal year with a growth in sales of approximately 6%.

The strong increase in third-quarter sales (+12.8%), was followed by growth of approximately 4% in the fourth quarter.

These results were supported both by the performance of sales at constant perimeter, positive for the fourth consecutive year, and by the development of the store network. Excellent performance of new projects, particularly those in the beauty and personal care segment which, in addition to being again in double-digit growth, is important for the cross-selling generated to the benefit of women's clothing.

The sales trend, combined with the improvement in the gross margin, more than offset the impacts of inflation on costs including, in particular, the effect of the increase in labor costs deriving from the application of the new collective agreement.

The fiscal year will therefore close with a significant increase in EBITDA.

Cash generation allowed for the stabilization of financial leverage around 0.8x even if during the year were distributed dividends for €25.3 million and were purchased treasury shares for €46.1 million.

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