

## **Press release**

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## Sales development in March 2017

As previously communicated in conjunction with the three-month report 2017, the H&M group's sales including VAT during 1 March – 28 March 2017 increased by 7 percent in local currencies compared to the same period last year. For the whole month of March, sales increased by 6 percent compared to the same month last year.

Sales in March, April and May should be viewed together, partly because the Easter holiday falls in different months in different years and partly because the weather during this period can vary greatly from year to year.

Sales development per month in percent in local currencies:

	Financial year			
	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
December	10	15	10	6
January	15	14	7	8
February	11	15	10	-1
March	13	10	2	6
April	17	10	5	
May	19	10	9	
June	12	14	8	
July	17	16	10	
August	19	1	7	
September	8	11	1	
October	14	12	10	
November	10	4	9	
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Full year	14	11	7	

The total number of stores in the group amounted to 4,426 on 31 March 2017 compared to 3,997 stores on 31 March 2016.

Percentage sales development for the month of April will be published in a press release at 08.00 (CET) on 8 May 2017.

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