

# Maisons du Monde files its document de base with the French Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF") as a first step towards its initial public offering

#### **Press Release**

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- Maisons du Monde is a creator of inspirational lifestyle universes, showcasing distinctive affordable decoration and furniture collections across multiple themes and styles. In 2015 the Group generated €699 million of Customer sales and EBITDA of €95 million.
- Maisons du Monde has developed a highly differentiated business model combining a unique ability to inspire and delight customers with an industrialized design-to-cost process and an omnichannel strategy (online Customer Sales representing more than 17% of Customer Sales in 2015).
- Maisons du Monde has successfully rolled-out its model in Europe, with Customer Sales outside of France representing 34% of its total Customer Sales in 2015.
- Maisons du Monde's unique model has driven best-in-class and resilient financial performance, including uninterrupted double-digit top-line growth (+21% CAGR over the past 15 years) through business cycles, superior like-for-like growth and industry leading margins.
- Maisons du Monde's five-year ambition is to continue to deliver double-digit Customer Sales growth, thanks to like-for-like performance supported by further deployment of the omnichannel strategy, acceleration of its store expansion, in France and internationally.

The group Maisons du Monde (the "Group"), a European leader in affordable and inspirational homeware today announces the registration of its document de base with the AMF under number 1.16.022 on April 18, 2016.

The registration of the document de base is the first step towards an initial public offering of Maisons du Monde SA's shares on the regulated market of Euronext Paris. The completion of the offering is subject to a number of factors including, among others, receiving the AMF's visa on the prospectus for the IPO and favorable market conditions.

Maisons du Monde's document de base is available on the websites of the company (www.maisonsdumondeipo.com) and of the AMF (www.amf-france.org). A printed copy is available free of charge upon request to Maisons du Monde at Le Portereau, 44120 Vertou. Maisons du Monde draws your attention to Chapter 4 « Risk Factors » of the document de base registered with the AMF.

Gilles Petit, Chief Executive Officer of Maisons du Monde, declared: "The planned IPO of Maisons du Monde marks a new phase in the development of our Group. In 20 years, we have become a unique player in the affordable inspirational segment of the European decoration and furniture market. Thanks to its winning model, Maisons du Monde has a clear roadmap to deliver high growth, in France and abroad, in-stores and on-line. The planned IPO will provide us with the strategic flexibility to accelerate our expansion across Europe and deliver on our growth ambition. We are very pleased with our strong 2015 growth. The first quarter of 2016 confirms this solid dynamic with double digit Like-for-Like sales growth and the continued growth of our store space, positively impacting our Q1 EBITDA margin."



### Maisons du Monde, a creator of lifestyle universes

Maisons du Monde has developed a unique concept based on a differentiated customer proposition, offering a large range of design-driven and affordable decoration and furniture products, displayed through effective visual merchandising. Through this combination of a unique product offering and merchandising know-how, the Group offers its customers an immersive and inspirational shopping experience.

The Group has implemented an industrialized design-to-cost process that allows it to capture and roll-out emerging design trends, leveraging its experienced in-house team of design, collectioning and sourcing professionals. Its design-to-cost model enables the Group to offer original and compelling products at affordable prices while maintaining industry-leading margins.

The Group's development has been underpinned by a multi-format and omnichannel strategy that has followed its customers' habits and that has demonstrated its replicability and scalability across geographies. Maisons du Monde is a leader in e-commerce in the European decoration and furniture market, with more than 17% of its Customer Sales generated online and 34% of its total Customer Sales generated outside France in 2015.

Building upon its deep customer fan base, well-known brand, unique business model and two decades of experience in the European decoration and furniture market, Maisons du Monde is fully committed to continuing to inspire and delight its customers while driving its growth in France and internationally across all of its channels.

For the year ending December 31, 2016, the Group believes that it will achieve Customer Sales in the range of €800 to 815 million compared to €699 million in 2015, driven by mid-single digit like-for-like Customer Sales growth, full effect of stores opened in 2015 as well as a targeted network expansion of 20 net store openings, with a Consolidated EBITDA margin above 13% of consolidated Customer Sales. As part of the contemplated IPO, the Group will raise its capital by approximately €150 to 180 million and expects to reach a net debt to EBITDA ratio equal to or below 2.25x at December 31, 2016.

For the 2017 to 2020 period, the Group's ambition is to continue to deliver a double-digit top-line growth (12-14% per annum), pursue its disciplined store expansion, opening 25 to 30 stores (net) on average per year, in France and in its existing geographies in Europe to reach 50% of international Customer Sales in 2020, sustain a similar level of profitability (above 13% EBITDA margin), leverage its online leadership position to grow its online Customer Sales from approximately 17% to more than 25% of its Customer Sales.

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# **About Maisons du Monde**

Maisons du Monde is a creator of inspirational lifestyle universes in the homeware industry, offering distinctive and affordable decoration and furniture collections that showcase multiple styles. The Group develops its business through an integrated and complementary omnichannel approach, leveraging its international network of stores, websites and catalogs.

The Group was founded in France in 1996 and has profitably expanded across Europe since 2003. The Group generated €699 million of Customer Sales and an EBITDA of €95 million during the year ended December 31, 2015. The Group operated 262 stores in seven countries as of December 31, 2015, including France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Luxembourg and generated more than 34% of its Customer Sales outside France in the year ended December 31, 2015. Additionally, the Group has been able to integrate a complementary and comprehensive e-commerce platform which has grown at a CAGR of 36% from 2010 to 2015 and which generated more than 17% of the Group's Customer Sales for the year ended December 31, 2015 from sales in 11 countries (all of the countries in which the Group operates stores plus Austria, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom).

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"The Company's registration document registered under number I.16.022 on April 18, 2016 with the French Autorité de marchés financiers (the "AMF") in connection with the Offering (the "Registration Document"), is available on the websites of the Company (www.maisonsdumondeipo.com) and of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and free of charge and upon request to the Company.

The Company draws the public's attention to Chapter 4 "Risk Factors" of the Registration Document. The Registration Document does not constitute a prospectus within the meaning of Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament at the Council of November 4, 2003, as amended, in particular by Directive 2010/73/UE. Any public offering of the Company's securities in France will only be made after the delivery by the AMF of a visa on a prospectus composed of the Registration Document and a securities note that will be subsequently submitted to the AMF.

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