

## Press release

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### **Südzucker pays EUR 0.45 dividend**

On 19 July 2018, shareholders at the annual general meeting of Südzucker AG voted in favor of the supervisory and executive boards' recommendation to pay a dividend of EUR 0.45 (previous year: 0.45) per share. Based on 204.2 million issued shares in circulation, the total dividend distribution will be EUR 91.9 million. Last year the total distribution was also EUR 91.9 million.

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### **About the Südzucker Group**

Südzucker, with its sugar, special products, CropEnergies and fruit segments, is one of the most significant food industry companies. In the traditional sugar business, the group is Europe's number one supplier of sugar products, with 29 sugar factories and two refineries, extending from France in the west via Belgium, Germany and Austria, through to Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Bosnia, and Moldova in the east. The special products segment, consisting of the functional food ingredients for food and animal feed (BENEO) division, as well as chilled/frozen products (Freiberger), portion packs (PortionPack Europe) and starch divisions, conducts business in high-growth dynamic markets. The CropEnergies segment is responsible for the bioethanol activities in Germany, Belgium, France and Great Britain. The group's fruit segment operates globally, is the world market leader for fruit preparations and is a leading supplier of fruit juice concentrates in Europe.

In 2017/18, the group employed about 18,500 persons and generated revenues of EUR 7.0 billion.