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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the year ended 31 December 2017**

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To the annual general meeting of JCDecaux SA,

### **Opinion**

In compliance with the engagement entrusted to us by your annual general meeting, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of JCDecaux SA for the year ended 31 December 2017.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2017 and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with French accounting principles.

The audit opinion expressed above is consistent with our report to the Audit Committee.

### **Basis for Opinion**

#### **Audit Framework**

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Statutory Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

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**Independence**

We conducted our audit engagement in compliance with independence rules applicable to us, for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to the date of our report and specifically we did not provide any prohibited non-audit services referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 or in the French Code of ethics for statutory auditors.

**Emphasis of Matter**

We draw your attention to the note 1.1.2. "Change of accounting method" which presents the impacts on annual financial statements of the first application of the ANC standard 2015-05, related to financial instruments and hedging transactions and applicable from the 1st of January 2017. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Justification of Assessments - Key Audit Matters**

In accordance with the requirements of Articles L.823-9 and R.823-7 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) relating to the justification of our assessments, we inform you of the key audit matters relating to risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period, as well as how we addressed those risks.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on specific items of the financial statements.

**Financial assets valuation****Risk identified**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, financial assets (equity securities, receivables from equity interests and loans) are booked in the balance sheet for a net amount of M€ 3,531.6, approximately 74% of total assets.

The recoverable amount of equity securities is the greater of the asset's sale value or its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is estimated by calculating the present value of expected future cash flows less net debt. Expected future cash flows are determined by using business plans based on budgeted data for the first year after the closing of accounts and specific hypotheses and market growth, which reflect future expected outcomes. Consequently, the scope of forecasts varies according to the line of business of the subsidiary.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, the Group has booked an impairment of M€24, mainly on JCDecaux Afrique Holding equity securities.

The recoverable amount of receivables from equity interests and loans is determined by using the present value of expected future cash flows less net debt.

We considered that the correct valuation of equity securities, receivables from equity interests and loans represents a key audit matter due to the significant part of these assets in the balance sheet and the importance of the Management's judgments in determining the cash flows, discount rates and long-term growth rates.

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**Our position regarding this risk**

In order to appreciate the reasonable estimation of the value in use of equity securities, we accomplished the following tasks based on the information provided:

- Check the arithmetic accuracy of the model used to determine the value in use through a survey
- Appreciate the reasonableness of the main selected hypotheses used to establish the forecasted data and when appropriate, appreciate the historical performance of the appropriate subsidiaries
- Appreciate the reasonableness of the discount rates, long-term growth rates and the rate of the contract renewals
- Check whether the resulting value of the forecasted cash flows has taken into account the deduction of net debt

Beyond the appreciation of the values in use of the equity securities, we also performed the following tasks:

- Appreciate the recoverability of the receivables from equity interests from the perspective of analyses performed regarding equity securities
- Appreciate the appropriateness of the information provided in the notes of the annual financial statements

**Verification of the Management Report and of the Other Documents Provided to the shareholders**

We have also performed, in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the specific verifications required by French law.

**Information provided in the Management Report and in the Other Documents Provided to the Shareholders with respect to the financial position and the financial statements**

We have no matters to report as to the fair presentation and the consistency with the financial statements of the information given in the management report of Executive Board and in the other documents provided to the Shareholders with respect to the financial position and the financial statements.

**Report on Corporate Governance**

We confirm the existence in the Report on Corporate Governance of the information required by Articles L. 225-37-3 and L. 225-37-4 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*).

Concerning the information given in accordance with the requirements of Article L. 225-37-3 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) relating to remunerations and benefits received by the members of the Executive Board and of the Supervisory Board and any other commitments made in their favour, we have verified its consistency with the financial statements, or with the underlying information used to prepare these financial statements and, where applicable, with the information obtained by your company from controlling and controlled companies. Based on this work, we attest the accuracy and fair presentation of this information.

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Regarding the information on factors that your Company considered could have a potential incidence in case of public takeover or swap bid, given in accordance with the requirements of Article L. 225-37-5 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*), we have verified they are in accordance with the underlying documentation provided to us. Based on this work, we have no matter to report on this information.

***Other information***

In accordance with French law, we have verified that the required information concerning the identity of the shareholders and holders of the voting rights has been properly disclosed in the management report.

**Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

**Appointment of the Statutory Auditors**

We were appointed as statutory auditors of JCDecaux SA by the annual general meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2000 for ERNST & YOUNG et Autres and on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006 for KPMG Audit.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, ERNST & YOUNG et Autres and KPMG Audit were in the 18<sup>th</sup> year and 12<sup>th</sup> year of total uninterrupted engagement, which are the 17<sup>th</sup> year since securities of the Company were admitted to trading on a regulated market for ERNST & YOUNG et Autres.

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with French accounting principles and for such internal control as management determines if necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is expected to liquidate the Company or to cease operations.

The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the financial reporting process and the effectiveness of internal control and risks management systems and where applicable, its internal audit, regarding the accounting and financial reporting procedures.

The financial statements were approved by the Executive Board.

**Statutory Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

***Objectives and audit approach***

Our role is to issue a report on the financial statements. Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards will always detect a material misstatement when it

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exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As specified in Article L.823-10-1 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*), our statutory audit does not include assurance on the viability of the Company or the quality of management of the affairs of the Company.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the statutory auditor exercises professional judgment throughout the audit and furthermore:

- Identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence considered to be sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for his opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtains an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management in the financial statements.
- Assesses the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. This assessment is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of his audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern. If the statutory auditor concludes that a material uncertainty exists, there is a requirement to draw attention in the audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are not provided or inadequate, to modify the opinion expressed therein.
- Evaluates the overall presentation of the financial statements and assesses whether these statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

### **Report to the Audit Committee**

We submit a report to the Audit Committee which includes in particular a description of the scope of the audit and the audit program implemented, as well as the results of our audit. We also report, if any, significant deficiencies in internal control regarding the accounting and financial reporting procedures that we have identified.

Our report to the Audit Committee includes the risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the

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current period and which are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in this audit report.

We also provide the Audit Committee with the declaration provided for in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) N° 537/2014, confirming our independence within the meaning of the rules applicable in France such as they are set in particular by Articles L.822-10 to L.822-14 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) and in the French Code of Ethics (*Code de déontologie*) for statutory auditors. Where appropriate, we discuss with the Audit Committee the risks that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and the related safeguards.

The Auditors

Paris La Défense, the 8 March 2018

*French original signed by*

KPMG Audit  
*Département de KPMG S.A.*

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