Nestlé reports full-year results for 2018

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Mark Schneider, Nestlé CEO, said: *"We are pleased with our progress in 2018. All financial performance metrics improved significantly and we saw revived growth in our two largest markets, the United States and China, as well as in our infant nutrition business. Nestlé keeps investing in future growth and – at the same time – has increased the amount of cash returned to shareholders through our dividend and share buyback program.*

We made significant progress with our portfolio transformation and sharpened our Group's strategic focus, strengthening key growth categories and geographies in the process. Our unique Nutrition, Health & Wellness strategy, with food, beverage and nutritional health products at its core, has become much clearer as we completed a sizeable number of transactions and announced strategic reviews for Nestlé Skin Health and Herta.

In 2018, we upgraded our innovation engine notably to ensure continued technology leadership and a shorter time to market. In the fast-changing food and beverage space Nestlé has what it takes to truly excite consumers with meaningful innovation and must-have products.

We reaffirmed our sustainability leadership at a time when consumers and regulators around the world are increasingly looking for solutions to today's environmental and societal problems. Our decisive action

and strong commitments to tackle the global packaging waste problem are a case in point.

We are on our way to meeting our 2020 targets and positioning Nestlé for sustained and sustainable growth in the years beyond."

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