

Ahold Delhaize commences €1 billion share buyback program

Zaandam, the Netherlands, January 2, 2019 – Ahold Delhaize today commences the €1 billion share buyback program announced on November 13, 2018 and expects to complete the program before the end of 2019.

Maintaining a balanced approach between funding growth in key channels and returning excess liquidity to shareholders is part of Ahold Delhaize's financial framework to support its Leading Together strategy. The purpose of the program is to reduce the capital of Ahold Delhaize, by cancelling all or part of the common shares acquired through the program.

The program will be executed by intermediaries allowing the execution of share repurchases in the open market during open and closed periods. The program will be executed within the limits of relevant laws and regulations, the existing authority granted at Ahold Delhaize's 2018 annual general meeting of shareholders on April 11, 2018 and the authority (if granted) by the annual general meeting on April 10, 2019.

Ahold Delhaize will provide regular updates on the progress of the program by means of press releases.

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This communication includes forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical facts may be forward-looking statements. Words such as expects, 2019, strategy, purpose, will, will be, progress or other similar words or expressions are typically used to identify forward-looking statements.

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Ahold Delhaize is one of the world's largest food retail groups and a leader in both supermarkets and e-Commerce. Its family of great, local brands serves more than 50 million customers each week in Europe, the United States, and Indonesia. Together, these brands employ more than 370,000 associates in more than 6,700 grocery and specialty stores and include the top online retailer in the Benelux and the leading online grocers in the Benelux and the United States. Ahold Delhaize brands are at the forefront of sustainable retailing, sourcing responsibly, supporting local communities and helping customers make healthier choices. Headquartered in Zaandam, the Netherlands, Ahold Delhaize is listed on the Euronext Amsterdam and Brussels stock exchanges (ticker: AD) and its American Depositary Receipts are traded on the over-the-counter market in the U.S. and quoted on the OTCQX International marketplace (ticker: ADRNY). For more information, please visit www.aholddelhaize.com.

