

H1 2026 Report

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The interim condensed consolidated financial statements presented on the following pages are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by European Union ("IFRS").

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements as of June 30th, 2026 **are unaudited**.

The financial figures presented in the descriptive part of the report that are expressed in million RON are rounded off to the nearest integer. This may result in small reconciliation differences.

NOTE: As of January 1st, 2019, Sphera Franchise Group applies IFRS 16 "Leases" standard that sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of leases. When analyzing the performance of the Group, the management's focus is on the financial results that exclude the impact of IFRS 16. Therefore, the basis for the financial analysis on the following pages are the results excluding IFRS 16. Nonetheless, for most of the tables included in this report are provided financial results both including, as well as excluding the impact of IFRS 16.

ISSUER INFORMATION

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS FINANCIAL REPORT

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ISSUER INFORMATION

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INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Subscribed and paid-up share capital	RON 580,101,930
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KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



H1 2026 Consolidated Sales

RON 754.5 mn
+1.2% vs. H1 2025



RON 648.2 mn
+1.5% vs. H1 2025



RON 90.3 mn
-3.0% vs. H1 2025



RON 16.0 mn
+18.0% vs. H1 2025

KFC

RON 647.4mn
+0.9% vs. H1 2025



RON 50.0 mn
-6.3% vs. H1 2025



TACO BELL

RON 55.7 mn
+11.3% vs. H1 2025

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RON 1.4 mn
n/a

176

Restaurants operated across
Romania, Moldova and Italy

+20.0%

YoY increase in restaurant
operating profit in Q2 2026

0.99

12M trailing net
debt / EBITDA ratio

H1 2026 RESULTS ANALYSIS

Sphera Franchise Group generated restaurant sales of RON 376.6 million in Q2 2026, representing a 1.6% YoY decrease, reflecting a more cautious consumer environment across the Group's markets, particularly in Romania, where consumer sentiment remained subdued amid the political uncertainty surrounding the interim government and the evolving fiscal environment. Nevertheless, the Group maintained a resilient performance, with H1 2026 restaurant sales increasing by 1.2% YoY, supported by the contribution of restaurants opened over the last twelve months, particularly under the Taco Bell brand, as well as the continued expansion of the full restaurant network.

Romania remained the Group's largest market, generating RON 322.1 million in restaurant sales during Q2 2026, representing a 1.6% YoY decrease, while delivering a 1.5% growth in H1 2026. Italy contributed RON 44.7 million in Q2 2026, down 7.6% YoY, reflecting softer market conditions and the impact of the closings (Verona Piazza delle Erbe and Bari Central Station). The Republic of Moldova recorded the strongest growth within the Group, with restaurant sales increasing by 43.9% YoY to RON 9.8 million for Q2 2026, supported by the contribution of newly opened restaurants and the reopening of the relocated Chisinau MallDova restaurant, early in Q2 2026. Consequently, Romania accounted for 85.5% of total restaurant sales in Q2 2026, Italy for 11.9%, and the Republic of Moldova for 2.6%.

Data in RON '000	Q1-25	Q2-25	Q3-25	Q4-25	Q1-26	Q2-26	Δ Q2 2026 / 2025	Δ H1 2026 / 2025
Romania	311,079	327,447	346,626	361,014	326,102	322,050	-1.6%	1.5%
Italy	44,736	48,362	52,205	51,121	45,619	44,709	-7.6%	-3.0%
Rep. Moldova	6,772	6,813	7,070	7,680	6,230	9,803	43.9%	18.0%
Total sales	362,587	382,622	405,901	419,816	377,951	376,561	-1.6%	1.2%

By brand, KFC generated RON 323.1 million in restaurant sales during Q2 2026, representing a 2.2% YoY decrease, reflecting softer consumer demand across the Group's key markets while continuing to represent the Group's core business. Pizza Hut contributed RON 23.7 million, down 9.5% YoY, as the brand continued to operate in a challenging casual dining environment while advancing the optimization of its restaurant network. Taco Bell remained the fastest-growing established brand within the Group's portfolio, increasing sales by 10.4% YoY to RON 28.7 million, supported by the contribution of restaurants opened over the last twelve months. Cioccolatitaliani generated RON 1.1 million in restaurant sales during the quarter, reflecting the continued ramp-up of the concept following the opening of its second location in Italy.

In line with past brand performance trends, Taco Bell continued to increase its contribution to the Group's turnover, supported by the expansion of its restaurant network, while KFC remained the dominant revenue generator across the portfolio. Consequently, in Q2 2026, KFC accounted for 85.8% of total restaurant sales, Taco Bell for 7.6%, Pizza Hut for 6.3%, while Cioccolatitaliani represented 0.3% of total restaurant sales, reflecting the early stage of development of the brand.

Data in RON '000	Q1-25	Q2-25	Q3-25	Q4-25	Q1-26	Q2-26	Δ Q2 2026 / 2025	Δ H1 2026 / 2025
KFC ¹	311,314	330,430	352,853	362,035	324,306	323,077	-2.2%	0.9%
Pizza Hut	27,172	26,183	25,301	28,120	26,307	23,690	-9.5%	-6.3%
Taco Bell	24,110	25,959	27,229	29,446	27,060	28,668	10.4%	11.3%
Cioccolatitaliani	-	52	494	250	279	1,134	-	-

¹ Following the opening of the Taco Bell restaurant in the Republic of Moldova in Q2 2026, the figures presented in this table have been adjusted to reflect Taco Bell brand performance. In the financial statements, the related sales are reported within USFN Moldova; therefore, the figures presented in the table above differ from the standalone indicators of USFN MD presented in the breakdown by Group companies.

In Q2 2026, restaurant expenses decreased by 3.2% YoY, to RON 344.6 million, outpacing the decline in restaurant sales. As a result, restaurant expenses represented 91.5% of restaurant sales, improving by 1.5 percentage points compared to Q2 2025. The improvement reflected disciplined cost management across most operating expense categories, despite continued investments in marketing and brand visibility.

Food and material costs decreased by 6.3% YoY, to RON 114.5 million, while improving as a share of sales by 1.5 percentage points, to 30.4%, reflecting continued procurement optimization. Payroll and employee benefits declined by 2.8% YoY, to RON 92.1 million, with the corresponding share of sales improving by 0.3 percentage points, to 24.4%, supported by ongoing operational efficiency measures. Rent expenses

increased by 2.1% YoY, to RON 28.3 million, mainly reflecting the contribution of restaurants opened over the last twelve months and contractual lease indexation. Royalties remained broadly stable at RON 22.6 million, accounting for 6.0% of restaurant sales, and noting a slight YoY decrease in line with the sales evolution for the period.

Advertising expenses increased by 20.0% YoY, to RON 22.8 million, as the Group continued to invest in brand visibility and promotional campaigns. At the same time, other operating expenses declined by 4.3% YoY, to RON 51.4 million, improving by 0.4 percentage points as a share of sales. Depreciation and amortization decreased by 16.8% YoY, to RON 12.9 million, however excluding the normalized items of RON 3.5 million from Q2 2025, it increased by 7% due to network expansion.

As a result of the disciplined cost management, restaurant operating profit increased by 20.0% YoY, reaching RON 32.5 million, while the corresponding margin improved by 1.6 percentage points, to 8.6%. G&A expenses increased by 4.8% YoY, to RON 17.8 million, with operating profit increasing by 45.3% YoY, to RON 14.7 million, with the operating margin improving to 3.9%, compared to 2.6% in Q2 2025.

Net finance costs increased during the quarter, mainly due to FX losses generated by unfavorable evolution of the exchange rates. Nevertheless, profit before tax increased by 49.3% YoY, reaching RON 11.4 million, while profit for the period rose by 70.6% YoY, to RON 8.1 million. Excluding one-off items recorded in the comparable period of 2025, normalized net profit saw a 17.4% YoY decrease. At the same time, normalized EBITDA increased by 1.6% YoY, to RON 28.4 million, while the corresponding margin improved to 7.5%, compared to 7.3% in Q2 2025.

Summary of Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for Q2 (excluding IFRS 16 Impact)

Data in RON'000	Q2'26	Q2'25	Y/Y % 2026 / 2025	% of Sales		Δ pp
				Q2'26	Q2'25	
Restaurant sales	376,561	382,622	-1.6%			
Other restaurant income	544	339	60.4%			
Restaurant expenses	344,596	355,862	-3.2%	91.5%	93.0%	-1.5%
Food and material	114,474	122,106	-6.3%	30.4%	31.9%	-1.5%
Payroll and employee benefits	92,069	94,709	-2.8%	24.4%	24.8%	-0.3%
Rent	28,321	27,729	2.1%	7.5%	7.2%	0.3%
Royalties	22,589	23,061	-2.0%	6.0%	6.0%	0.0%
Advertising	22,760	18,961	20.0%	6.0%	5.0%	1.1%
Other operating expenses	51,448	53,740	-4.3%	13.7%	14.0%	-0.4%
Depreciation and amortization	12,936	15,556	-16.8%	3.4%	4.1%	-0.6%
Restaurant operating profit	32,509	27,099	20.0%	8.6%	7.1%	1.6%
General & Admin expenses	17,782	16,967	4.8%	4.7%	4.4%	0.3%
Operating profit	14,727	10,132	45.3%	3.9%	2.6%	1.3%
Finance costs	3,600	2,752	30.8%	1.0%	0.7%	0.2%
Finance income	256	242	5.8%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Profit before tax	11,383	7,623	49.3%	3.0%	2.0%	1.0%
Income tax expense	3,245	2,853	13.7%	0.9%	0.7%	0.1%
Profit for the period	8,138	4,770	70.6%	2.2%	1.2%	0.9%
Normalized¹ profit for the period	8,138	9,849	-17.4%	2.2%	2.6%	-0.4%
EBITDA	28,420	26,364	7.8%	7.5%	6.9%	0.7%
Normalized EBITDA¹	28,420	27,982	1.6%	7.5%	7.3%	0.2%

¹ EBITDA was normalized for Q2 2025 to exclude one-off items: redundancies and related costs linked to the closing of KFC Bari (RON 1.6m). Profit was normalized for Q2 2025 to exclude one-off items: redundancies and related costs linked to the closing of KFC Italy Bari (RON 1.6m), impairment of non-recoverable non-current assets related to the relocation of KFC IS Palas Drive to a new zone as a part of landlord redesign project of the commercial area (RON 1.2m), and impairment of non-recoverable assets linked to the closing of KFC Italy Bari (RON 2.3m). Total normalized items amounted to RON 5.1m. There were no normalization items registered in Q2 2026.

At the level of the first six months of 2026, Sphera Franchise Group generated restaurant sales of RON 754.5 million, representing a 1.2% YoY increase, while other restaurant income amounted to RON 1.4 million. Sales growth was supported by the contribution of newly opened restaurants, particularly under the Taco Bell brand, as well as the resilient performance of the Romanian market during the first half of the year, despite a softer consumer environment experienced in the second quarter.

Romania remained the Group's largest market, generating RON 648.2 million, representing 85.9% of total restaurant sales and an increase of 1.5% YoY. Italy contributed RON 90.3 million, accounting for 12.0% of total restaurant sales, reflecting a 3.0% YoY decrease, while the Republic of Moldova generated RON 16.0

million, representing 2.1% of total restaurant sales and recording the strongest growth within the Group, with restaurant sales increasing by 18.0% YoY.

By brand, KFC generated RON 647.4 million, representing 85.8% of total restaurant sales and an increase of 0.9% YoY. Pizza Hut contributed RON 50.0 million, reflecting a 6.3% YoY decrease, as the brand continued the optimization of its restaurant network. Taco Bell remained the fastest-growing established brand within the Group's portfolio, generating RON 55.7 million, up 11.3% YoY, supported by the contribution of restaurants opened over the last twelve months. Cioccolatitaliani contributed RON 1.4 million, reflecting the continued development of the concept following the opening of the second location in Italy.

Restaurant expenses increased by 0.9% YoY, to RON 698.1 million, below the pace of restaurant sales growth. Consequently, restaurant expenses represented 92.5% of restaurant sales, improving by 0.3 percentage points compared to H1 2025, reflecting continued operational discipline and effective cost management across the business.

Food and material costs decreased by 1.7% YoY, to RON 233.3 million, while improving as a share of restaurant sales by 0.9 percentage points, to 30.9%, supported by procurement optimization initiatives. Payroll and employee benefits increased by 0.9% YoY, to RON 189.0 million, remaining broadly in line with the pace of restaurant sales growth, while their share of sales remained broadly stable at 25.1%. Rent expenses increased by 5.1% YoY, to RON 56.3 million, mainly reflecting the contribution of restaurants opened over the last twelve months and the contractual indexation of lease agreements. Royalties increased in line with restaurant sales, reaching RON 45.2 million, while maintaining a stable share of 6.0% of restaurant sales.

Advertising expenses increased by 23.5% YoY, to RON 43.4 million, as the Group continued to invest in brand visibility. At the same time, other operating expenses decreased by 1.3% YoY, to RON 105.2 million, improving by 0.4 percentage points as a share of restaurant sales. Depreciation and amortization decreased by 5.1% YoY, to RON 25.7 million, however excluding the normalized items in 2025, it increased 8.9% YoY due to network development.

Summary of Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for H1 (excluding IFRS 16 Impact):

Data in RON'000	H1-26	H1-25	Y/Y % 2026/ 2025	% of Sales		Δ pp
				H1-26	H1-25	
Restaurant sales	754,512	745,209	1.2%			
Other restaurant income	1,447	2,321	-37.7%			
Restaurant expenses	698,073	691,873	0.9%	92.5%	92.8%	-0.3%
Food and material	233,338	237,460	-1.7%	30.9%	31.9%	-0.9%
Payroll and employee benefits	189,026	187,425	0.9%	25.1%	25.2%	-0.1%
Rent	56,333	53,604	5.1%	7.5%	7.2%	0.3%
Royalties	45,196	44,705	1.1%	6.0%	6.0%	0.0%
Advertising	43,354	35,104	23.5%	5.7%	4.7%	1.0%
Other operating expenses	105,158	106,540	-1.3%	13.9%	14.3%	-0.4%
Depreciation and amortization	25,669	27,036	-5.1%	3.4%	3.6%	-0.2%
Restaurant operating profit	57,886	55,656	4.0%	7.7%	7.5%	0.2%
General & Admin expenses	32,473	33,004	-1.6%	4.3%	4.4%	-0.1%
Operating profit	25,413	22,652	12.2%	3.4%	3.0%	0.3%
Finance costs	5,831	4,357	33.8%	0.8%	0.6%	0.2%
Finance income	369	359	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Profit before tax	19,950	18,654	6.9%	2.6%	2.5%	0.1%
Income tax expense	6,391	6,070	5.3%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%
Profit for the period	13,560	12,584	7.8%	1.8%	1.7%	0.1%
Normalized² profit for the period	13,674	17,664	-22.6%	1.8%	2.4%	-0.6%
EBITDA	52,401	51,213	2.3%	6.9%	6.9%	0.1%
Normalized² EBITDA	52,515	52,830	-0.6%	7.0%	7.1%	-0.1%

¹ EBITDA and net profit were normalized for H1 2026 to exclude one-off costs related to restaurant closures, recorded within other operating expenses at the level of ARS. Total normalization items in H1 2026 amounted to RON 0.1m. EBITDA was normalized for H1 2025 to exclude one-off items: redundancies and related costs linked to the closing of KFC Bari (RON 1.6m). Profit was normalized for H1 2025 to exclude one-off items: redundancies and related costs linked to the closing of KFC Italy Bari (RON 1.6m), impairment of non-recoverable non-current assets related to the relocation of KFC IS Palas Drive to a new zone as a part of landlord redesign project of the commercial area (RON 1.2m), and impairment of non-recoverable assets linked to the closing of KFC Italy Bari (RON 2.3m). Total normalized items amounted to RON 5.1m.

Summary of Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for H1 – with and without IFRS 16 impact

Data in RON'000	H1 2026	H1 2026	H1 2025	H1 2025	Change (%)	
	1	2	1	2	2026/2025 (1)	2026/2025 (2)
Restaurant sales	754,512	754,512	745,209	745,209	1.2%	1.2%
Other restaurant income	1,447	1,447	2,321	2,321	-37.7%	-37.7%
Restaurant expenses	690,611	698,073	685,746	691,873	0.7%	0.9%
Food and material	233,338	233,338	237,460	237,460	-1.7%	-1.7%
Payroll and employee benefits	189,026	189,026	187,425	187,425	0.9%	0.9%
Rent	13,080	56,333	13,730	53,604	-4.7%	5.1%
Royalties	45,196	45,196	44,705	44,705	1.1%	1.1%
Advertising	43,354	43,354	35,104	35,104	23.5%	23.5%
Other operating expenses	105,158	105,158	106,462	106,540	-1.2%	-1.3%
Depreciation and amortization	61,459	25,669	60,861	27,036	1.0%	-5.1%
Restaurant operating profit	65,348	57,886	61,783	55,656	5.8%	4.0%
General & Admin expenses	31,929	32,473	32,586	33,004	-2.0%	-1.6%
Operating profit	33,419	25,413	29,198	22,652	14.5%	12.2%
Finance costs	21,369	5,831	18,052	4,357	18.4%	33.8%
Finance income	369	369	359	359	2.9%	2.9%
Profit before tax	12,419	19,950	11,505	18,654	7.9%	6.9%
Income tax expense	5,263	6,391	5,064	6,070	3.9%	5.3%
Profit for the period	7,156	13,560	6,440	12,584	11.1%	7.8%
Normalized³ profit for the period	7,270	13,674	11,520	17,664	-36.9%	-22.6%
EBITDA	97,732	52,401	93,155	51,213	4.9%	2.3%
Normalized³ EBITDA	97,846	52,515	93,484	52,830	4.7%	-0.6%

Notes: (1) Including the impact of the adoption of IFRS 16; (2) Excluding the impact of the adoption of IFRS 16.

³ Same normalization items as described in footnote in table with Summary of Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for H1.

Restaurant operating profit continued to be primarily generated by KFC Romania ("USFN Romania"), which recorded RON 55.4 million in H1 2026, representing an 18.3% YoY increase, supported by the resilient performance of the Romanian market and continued operational discipline. KFC Moldova ("USFN Moldova") contributed RON 2.3 million, increasing 21.4% YoY, primarily reflecting the contribution of newly opened restaurants and the continued expansion of the restaurant network. KFC Italy ("USFN Italy") generated a restaurant operating profit of RON 1.7 million, down 37.2% YoY, reflecting the softer operating environment in the Italian market. Taco Bell ("CFF") recorded a restaurant operating profit of RON 1.5 million in H1 2026, compared to RON 4.7 million in H1 2025, reflecting the continued expansion of the restaurant network and the ramp-up of recently opened restaurants. Pizza Hut ("ARS") reported a restaurant operating loss of RON 1.9 million, compared to a restaurant operating loss of RON 0.3 million in H1 2025, as the Group continued the optimization of Pizza Hut restaurant network with the goal of bringing the brand to breakeven. Cioccolatitaliani ("CHOCO Italy") recorded a restaurant operating loss of RON 1.5 million during the first six months of 2026, reflecting the continued investment phase following the launch of the concept in Italy.

Breakdown of Interim Consolidated Results by Group companies – H1 2026 (excluding IFRS 16 impact)

Data in RON'000	USFN (RO)	ARS	USFN (MD)	USFN (IT)	CHOCO (IT)	CFF	HRC (Hard Rock Café)	PAF (Pan Asian Food)	SFG	Cons. Adj.	SFG Cons
Restaurant sales	543,761	49,996	16,033	88,916	1,413	54,403	-	-	19,384	(19,393)	754,512
Dividends revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,157	(69,157)	0
Other restaurant income	1,728	123	-	-	-	41	-	-	-	(446)	1,447
Restaurant expenses	490,069	51,987	13,684	87,222	2,944	52,935	-	-	-	(767)	698,073
Food and material	171,054	13,450	5,332	25,197	479	17,827	-	-	-	-	233,338
Payroll and employee benefits	131,921	15,346	3,237	23,813	1,109	13,599	-	-	-	-	189,026
Rent	38,071	5,112	866	7,549	314	4,421	-	-	-	-	56,333
Royalties	32,660	2,887	967	5,362	47	3,273	-	-	-	-	45,196
Advertising	31,075	2,827	825	5,508	55	3,348	-	-	-	(284)	43,354
Other operating expenses	68,982	10,932	2,028	14,734	667	8,225	-	-	-	(410)	105,158
Depreciation	16,305	1,433	429	5,059	274	2,242	-	-	-	(73)	25,669
Restaurant operating profit	55,420	(1,867)	2,349	1,693	(1,531)	1,509	-	-	88,541	(88,228)	57,886
G&A expenses	17,272	3,202	472	6,532	431	2,285	164	9	21,121	(19,016)	32,473
Operating profit/(loss)	38,148	(5,070)	1,876	(4,839)	(1,962)	(776)	(164)	(9)	67,420	(69,213)	25,413
Finance costs	5,611	713	253	1,020	179	310	8	3	46	(2,311)	5,831
Finance income	1,762	2	-	95	-	0	0	-	820	(2,311)	369
Profit/(Loss) before tax	34,299	(5,781)	1,624	(5,763)	(2,141)	(1,086)	(172)	(12)	68,194	(69,213)	19,950
Income tax expense	6,124	-	221	106	(15)	(46)	-	-	-	-	6,391
Profit/(Loss) for the period	28,176	(5,781)	1,403	(5,869)	(2,126)	(1,040)	(172)	(12)	68,194	(69,213)	13,560
Normalized¹	28,176	(5,667)	1,403	(5,869)	(2,126)	(1,040)	(172)	(12)	68,194	(69,213)	13,674
Profit/(Loss) for the year											
EBITDA	55,172	(3,491)	2,358	270	(1,684)	1,523	(163)	(1)	67,708	(69,291)	52,401
Normalized¹ EBITDA	55,172	(3,377)	2,358	270	(1,684)	1,523	(163)	(1)	67,708	(69,291)	52,515

¹ Same normalization items as described in footnote in table with Summary of Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for H1.

G&A expenses decreased by 1.6% YoY in H1 2026, to RON 32.5 million, reflecting the Group's sustained focus with HQ overhead cost optimization. As a percentage of sales, G&A expenses improved by 0.1 percentage points YoY, reaching 4.4% in H1 2026. Operating profit increased 12.2% YoY, reaching RON 25.4 million.

EBITDA at the level of the Group stood at RON 52.4 million in H1 2026, reflecting a 2.3% YoY increase, while normalized EBITDA, excluding one-off items, amounted to RON 52.5 million, down 0.6% YoY.

	Data in RON '000				Change (%)		Percentage of sales			
	H1 2026	H1 2026	H1 2025	H1 2025			H1'26	H1'26	H1'25	H1'25
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	2026/ 2025 (1)	2026/ 2025 (2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(1)
General and administration (G&A) expenses	31,929	32,473	32,586	33,004	-2.0%	-1.6%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.4%
Payroll and employee benefits	22,326	22,326	22,785	22,785	-2.0%	-2.0%				
Third-party services	4,642	4,642	4,831	4,831	-3.9%	-3.9%				
Depreciation and amortization	2,853	1,319	3,096	1,525	-7.9%	-13.5%				
Rent	109	2,187	126	2,115	-13.6%	3.4%				
Banking charges	299	299	297	297	0.7%	0.7%				
Transport	1,039	1,039	847	847	22.6%	22.6%				
Other*	661	661	603	603	9.6%	9.6%				

Note: (1) Including the impact of the adoption of IFRS 16; (2) Excluding the impact of the adoption of IFRS 16.

*Other expenses include maintenance & repairs, smallware, insurance, phone & postage, miscellaneous expenses.

Net finance costs increased by 36.6% YoY, from RON 4.0 million in H1 2025 to RON 5.5 million in H1 2026, primarily mainly due to FX losses generated by unfavorable evolution of the exchange rates. Nonetheless, due to improved operating results, the profit before tax increased by 6.9% YoY, to RON 20.0 million. Income tax expense increased by 5.3% YoY due to improved results, to RON 6.4 million. As a result, the net profit increased by 7.8% YoY, to RON 13.6 million in H1 2026. Excluding one-off items, normalized profit for the period amounted to RON 13.7 million, representing a 22.6% YoY decrease, while normalized

EBITDA reached RON 52.5 million, remaining broadly stable compared to the first six months of 2025, with a normalized EBITDA margin of 7.0%.

In Q2 2026, same store sales across Sphera's brands declined by 4.7% YoY, reflecting a more cautious consumer environment across the Group's markets. USFN Romania remained resilient, recording a same store sales decline of 2.0% YoY, due to a weaker consumer environment driven by fiscal uncertainty and the interim government in Romania during the quarter. ARS recorded same store sales decline of 9.5%, reflecting the closing of stores in H1 2026 and the continued pressure on the casual dining segment, where demand remains more sensitive to weaker discretionary consumer spending, while CFF decreased 8.0% YoY, due to same pressures recorded across the Romanian consumer market. USFN Italy reported a 15.9% decline in same store sales, primarily reflecting the closing of restaurants (Verona Piazza delle Erbe and Bari Central Station) together with softer market conditions. In the Republic of Moldova, same store sales increased by 1.4% YoY.

Despite the decline in same store sales, the contribution of newly opened restaurants supported the Group's overall performance. At Group level, all-store sales declined by only 1.6% YoY compared to the 4.7% decrease in same store sales, reflecting the positive contribution of restaurants opened over the last twelve months. The most significant impact from network expansion was recorded by USFN Moldova and CFF, where recently opened restaurants more than offset the weaker performance of comparable stores, lifting the overall brand performances.

		Y/Y Q1-25	Y/Y Q2-25	Y/Y Q3-25	Y/Y Q4-25	Y/Y Q1-26	Y/Y Q2-26
USFN RO	All Stores	-3.4%	0.0%	-0.7%	3.8%	5.0%	-1.6%
	o/w Same Stores	-3.4%	-1.7%	-2.5%	2.1%	3.0%	-2.0%
ARS	All Stores	-1.0%	2.0%	-5.9%	-1.0%	-3.2%	-9.5%
	o/w Same Stores	-1.0%	2.0%	-5.9%	-1.0%	-3.2%	-9.5%
CFF	All Stores	15.6%	21.2%	13.0%	15.5%	12.2%	5.3%
	o/w Same Stores	15.6%	21.2%	13.0%	7.6%	-2.4%	-8.0%
USFN IT	All Stores	3.3%	4.3%	2.3%	-1.4%	1.4%	-9.8%
	o/w Same Stores	3.3%	4.3%	2.3%	-3.6%	-5.4%	-15.9%
USFN MD	All Stores	23.2%	25.8%	24.8%	8.3%	-8.0%	43.9%
	o/w Same Stores	23.2%	25.8%	24.8%	8.3%	-9.8%	1.4%
TOTAL	All Stores	-0.9%	2.3%	0.6%	3.7%	4.2%	-1.6%
	o/w Same Stores	-1.0%	1.0%	-0.8%	1.6%	0.9%	-4.7%

In Q2 2026, delivery sales represented 20% of the Group's total sales, remaining stable compared to Q1 2026 and to Q2 2025. Across the Group's operating entities, delivery penetration remained broadly consistent. The total value of delivery sales in Q2 2026 decreased by 2.3% YoY, reaching RON 74.6 million. During the quarter, the Group's own delivery sales channel contributed 7.6% of total delivery sales, compared to 7.9% in Q2 2025.

Sales by entity, by Country		Q1-25	Q2-25	Q3-25	Q4-25	Q1-26	Q2-26
USFN RO	delivery	19%	19%	18%	18%	19%	19%
	non-delivery	81%	81%	82%	82%	81%	81%
ARS	delivery	35%	37%	32%	32%	33%	34%
	non-delivery	65%	63%	68%	68%	67%	66%
CFF	delivery	28%	27%	26%	23%	26%	26%
	non-delivery	72%	73%	74%	77%	74%	74%
USFN IT	delivery	12%	11%	10%	12%	12%	12%
	non-delivery	88%	89%	90%	88%	88%	88%
USFN MD	delivery	35%	31%	28%	26%	30%	24%
	non-delivery	65%	69%	72%	74%	70%	76%
All	delivery	20%	20%	18%	19%	20%	20%
	non-delivery	80%	80%	82%	81%	80%	80%

MAIN FINANCIAL RATIOS

The main financial ratios of Sphera Franchise Group (interim consolidated result) as of June 30th, 2026, are presented below, together with the result as of June 30th, 2025. All the ratios include IFRS 16 impact.

<i>Financial data in RON '000</i>	6M Period ended 30.06.2026		6M Period ended 30.06.2025	
Current ratio				
Current assets	85,624	= 0.32	103,741	= 0.40
Current liabilities	264,811		257,759	
Debt to Equity ratio				
Interest-bearing debt (long term)	374,127	= 406%	359,025	= 306%
Equity	92,127		117,468	
Interest-bearing debt (long term)	374,127	= 80%	359,025	= 75%
Capital employed	466,254		476,492	
Trade receivables turnover (days)				
Average receivables	14,430	= 3.44	12,594	= 3.04
Sales	754,512		745,209	
Fixed asset turnover				
Sales	754,512	= 2.42	745,209	= 2.46
Net fixed assets	623,009		606,690	

Notes: Annualized values, based on the ASF methodology.

H1 2026 Earnings Call

31.08.2026

12:00 PM EET (11:00 AM CET | 10:00 AM UK)

On August 31st, Sphera Franchise Group will organize a conference call with the management to discuss the H1 2026 results and hold a Q&A session with investors and analysts.

The call will be led by:



Calin Ionescu
CEO



Valentin Budes
CFO



Monica Eftimie
CMO



Marian Gogu
GM KFC Romania



Costica Misaca
GM Pizza Hut &
Taco Bell Romania



Zuzanna Kurek
Moderator | IRO

To receive the log-in details, please email
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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN H1 2026 & AFTER CLOSING OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

BUSINESS UPDATES

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NETWORK

In Q1 2026, Sphera inaugurated four new restaurants – a KFC in Centro Piave Shopping Center in San Donà di Piave in Province of Venice in Italy, and a KFC in M Park Titan in Bucharest, Romania, and another KFC in Balti, Moldova. The Group moreover opened a Cioccolatitaliani store in Genova, Italy. In Q2 2026, the Group inaugurated a Taco Bell unit in Chisinau, Moldova. As of June 30th, 2026, Sphera Franchise Group operated 176 restaurants: 111 KFC restaurants in Romania, 4 in Moldova and 18 in Italy, as well as 22 Pizza Hut restaurants in Romania, 18 Taco Bell restaurants in Romania and 1 in Moldova, and 2 Cioccolatitaliani restaurants in Italy.

After the closing of the reporting period, the Group continued to expand the KFC network, opening the first Delivery Carry Out format KFC restaurant in Romania, and another drive-thru KFC in Bran together with two seasonal restaurants in Nibiru, Costinesti – one KFC restaurant and one Taco Bell restaurant.

PIZZA HUT NETWORK OPTIMIZATION

On February 19th, 2026, the Group announced additional operational efficiency measures and the continuation of the restaurant network consolidation process at the level of American Restaurant System S.A. ("ARS"), the Group's subsidiary operating the Pizza Hut® and Pizza Hut Delivery® brands in Romania.

As part of this process, the Group decided to close 7 Pizza Hut restaurants that recorded below-expected operational performance and had a significant negative contribution at EBITDA level. The decision followed the changes in the economic and consumer environment starting with the second half of 2025, including the liberalization and increase of energy market prices, new fiscal measures, the increase in the VAT rate, as well as a slowdown in private consumption amid more cautious consumer behavior.

The optimization process aims to improve the long-term profitability profile of the Pizza Hut business through the elimination of structurally underperforming units and the optimization of the cost structure. The Group expects that customer demand generated by the closed locations will continue to be covered by the remaining operational restaurants within the network, without a significant impact on customer access to Pizza Hut products and services. At the same time, the Group aims to minimize the impact on employees by offering relocation opportunities within the broader Sphera Franchise Group restaurant network.

BRANDS PORTFOLIO EXPANSION – TACO BELL

On February 23rd, 2026, the Group announced the expansion of the Taco Bell franchise rights to the Republic of Moldova and the scheduled opening of the first Taco Bell restaurant in Chişinău. The franchise rights in the Republic of Moldova, as well as the development and operation of Taco Bell restaurants, are carried out through US Food Network S.R.L., the Group's subsidiary in the Republic of Moldova. The first Taco Bell restaurant in the Republic of Moldova was inaugurated on April 30th, 2026, in the food court area of Shopping MallDova, one of the major retail destinations in Chişinău. The unit represents the first Taco Bell operated by the Group outside Romania.

BRANDS PORTFOLIO EXPANSION - WAGAMAMA

On May 11th, 2026, the Group expanded its portfolio by adding the wagamama franchise, an internationally recognized pan-Asian dining brand. The franchise rights for Romania were acquired by the Group and will be implemented through a newly established entity, Pan Asian Food SRL, fully owned by Sphera Franchise Group. The Group plans to open the first wagamama restaurant in Bucharest towards the end of 2026 or early 2027, marking its entry into the fast-casual Asian dining segment. This development supports the Group's strategy to diversify its portfolio and expand into high-growth potential market segments, further strengthening its position in the Romanian foodservice market.

STAFF

As of June 30th, 2026, the Group had 4,864 employees, of which 4,287 were in Romania, 421 in Italy and 156 in the Republic of Moldova. During H1 2026, the Group continued the process of digitalizing its network through further deployment of digital kiosks to simplify the selling process, as well as carried on with the project of hiring employees from abroad.

GOVERNANCE UPDATES

SHARE CAPITAL DECREASE

On February 5th, 2026, Sphera Franchise Group informed the market about the registration of the share capital decrease of the Company within the Romanian Trade Register, as approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders through Decision no. 2 dated April 29th, 2025. Following this operation, the Company's share capital amounts to RON 580,101,930, divided into 38,673,462 registered shares, each with a nominal value of RON 15 per share. Subsequently, on February 13th, 2026, the Group received the Financial Instruments Registration Certificate from the Financial Supervisory Authority, and on February 17th, 2026, the new share capital was registered with the Central Depository.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS

On March 25th, 2026, the Board of Directors of Sphera Franchise Group convened the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders for April 29th, 2026. During the OGSM, the shareholders approved the 2025 financial statements together with sustainability statement, the 2025 remuneration report and the 2026 budget. The shareholders also voted in favor of a payment of the gross dividend amounting to RON 1.06 per share, from the undistributed net profit of financial years 2024-2025. The ex-date for dividend payment was May 18th, and the dividend was paid on June 10th, 2026. The shareholders also approved in the OGSM the monthly remuneration granted to the Board Members, the Share Option Plan (SOP) for Directors for the activity in 2025, as well as several financing agreements.

In EGSM, the shareholders approved the share buyback of SFG shares for the implementation of SOP for 2023 activity in the amount of maximum 20,729 shares, and in the amount of 27,025 for SOP covering the activity in 2025.

CAPITAL MARKET UPDATES

STOCK EXCHANGE EVOLUTION

The price of SFG shares increased in Q2 2026 by 10.7%, from RON 35.6 (closing price as of March 31st) to RON 39.4 (at the end of June 30th, 2026). Including the dividend paid on June 10th, the total-return evolution of SFG share in Q2 2026 was a 13.7% increase. Investors traded 1,003,402 SFG shares (including DEAL trades) in Q2 2026 (-45.2% vs Q2 2025), with a total value of RON 38.4 million (-48.6% vs. Q2 2025). The share price evolution in Q2 2026 underperformed the BVB reference index BET, which increased 16.9% in the period as well as the BET-TR index, which grew 20%.

Overall, in H1 2026, SFG shares increased by 4.4%, as the share closing price on June 30th, 2026, was RON 39.40, compared to the closing price of RON 37.75 on December 31st, 2025. During the same period, the BET index advanced by approximately 32.9%, with SFG underperforming the benchmark index. The Total Return on SFG shares in H1 2026, including the dividend paid on June 10th, 2026, was 7.2%, versus 36.4% increase for the BET-TR index registered in the same period. During H1 2026, investors traded 1,926,594 million SFG shares (including DEAL trades), down -33.4% vs H1 2025, with a total value of approximately RON 74.6 million, down -36.5%, versus H1 2025.

SHARE BUYBACK PROGRAM

Following the shareholder approvals granted at the April 2026 General Meetings, the Group initiated a share buyback program on June 19th, 2026, administered by BT Capital Partners. The first stage of the program was completed on July 10th, 2026, with the buyback of 44,210 shares at an average price of RON 39.1187 per share, for a total consideration of RON 1,729,437. The shares were repurchased for the implementation

of the Stock Option Plan for Directors covering the 2023-2025 period, as well as for members of management of certain Group subsidiaries.

DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

On May 6th, 2026, the Group announced the details of the dividend distribution approved by the shareholders at the General Meeting of April 29th, 2026, representing a gross dividend of RON 1.06 per share, from the undistributed net profit of financial years 2024-2025. The ex-date was set for May 18th, 2026, and the dividend was paid starting June 10th, 2026.

ABOUT SPHERA FRANCHISE GROUP

The Group's franchised foodservice business was launched in 1994 with the opening of the first Pizza Hut location, which was followed by the opening in 1997 of the first KFC location, both in Bucharest. As of June 30th, 2026, the Group operates 176 restaurants in Romania, Italy, and the Republic of Moldova.

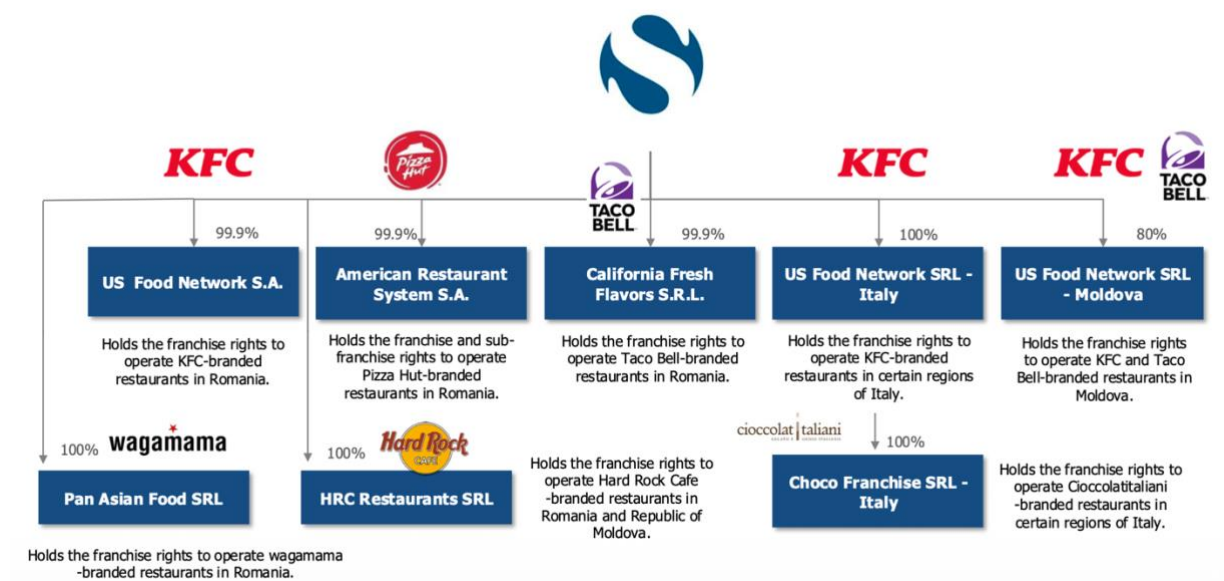
Sphera Franchise Group's business is conducted through the following three segments:

- Quick-service restaurants - through KFC restaurants (in Romania, the Republic of Moldova and Italy) and Taco Bell restaurants (in Romania and the Republic of Moldova);
- Full-service restaurants - through Pizza Hut restaurants in Romania, and through the planned Hard Rock Café restaurants in Romania and the Republic of Moldova as well as Wagamama restaurants in Romania;
- Artisanal desserts and cafes – through Cioccolatitaliani restaurants in Italy.

All restaurants operated by the Group provide delivery, either via own channel or in partnership with aggregating platforms.

All the brands of the Group are operated under franchise agreements by companies owned by Sphera Franchise Group, the largest restaurant group in the full-service restaurant sector in Romania. Under a master franchise agreement, the franchisor grants the franchisee the exclusive rights to develop and operate the brand within a specified territory. KFC and Taco Bell operate under master franchise agreements with Yum!, while Pizza Hut continues to operate under its existing franchise arrangements following the acquisition of Pizza Hut Global Franchise and Development by LongRange Capital in 2026. Cioccolatitaliani operates under a franchise agreement with Gioia Group, Hard Rock Cafe under a franchise agreement with Hard Rock International, while wagamama will operate under a franchise agreement with The Restaurant Group (TRG).

The visual representation of the Group's holding structure as of June 30th, 2026 is presented below:



ABOUT THE BRANDS



KFC is a global chicken restaurant chain with more than 75 years old history of success and innovation. It all started with Colonel Harland Sanders, the cook, who created the famous recipe of 11 secret herbs and spices. Even today, all KFC restaurants follow it around the world, with real cooks breading and freshly preparing the delicious chicken by hand in more than 27,000 restaurants in over 145 countries and territories around the world.

In Romania, the first KFC restaurant was opened in Bucharest, back in 1997 by the Group. Today, KFC is the leading chicken restaurant chain in Romania in terms of both total sales and number of restaurants. As of June 30th, 2026, there were 111 KFC restaurants in Romania. In 2008, the Group opened the first KFC restaurant in the Republic of Moldova, and as of June 30th, 2026, the Group operated four restaurants (three in Chişinău and one in Bălţi). In 2017 the Group opened the first two restaurants in Italy. As of June 30th, 2026, there were 18 KFC restaurants operated by the Group in certain areas of Italy.

Of all KFC restaurants operating in Romania, Italy and the Republic of Moldova, as of June 30th, 2026, the network comprised food court, in-line and drive-thru locations. Following the reporting period, the Group further diversified the network by opening its first Delivery Carry Out format KFC restaurant in Romania.

In all KFC restaurants, the Group sells food and beverage products either individually or as part of a price-attractive bundle labeled "menu" or "box". Generally, the menus include three main components: a portion of a chicken-based product (burgers, wrappers or pieces of chicken meat), a medium-sized portion of French fries and a medium-sized non-alcoholic drink. For an additional price, our customers can choose to opt for the "Go Large" version of the menu, which consists of large portions of French fries and non-alcoholic drinks. A dipping sauce is also offered in some menu offers. Besides the menu and the box which are normally sized for one person, we also offer products, called Buckets, targeted for group consumption (up to four people). Buckets generally consist of a higher number of chicken meat pieces, and some include portions of French fries and non-alcoholic drinks.

In 2018, KFC Romania launched a delivery activity, which is now carried out in collaboration with food aggregator platforms.



PIZZA HUT is a global casual dine-in restaurant, founded more than 60 years ago in Wichita, Kansas, by the Carney brothers. Since then, it has grown to become the largest pizza company in the world with more than 19,000 restaurants in over 100 countries.

Pizza Hut restaurants primarily sell pizza (a wide range of classic and iconic recipes for the brand, on a variety of dough types, such as Pan, Classic, Cheesy Bites and Stuffed Crust) and other main-course products (such as burgers and pasta, or salads) as well as beverages (primarily non-alcoholic) and desserts.

Pizza Hut was the first brand of the Group, to enter the Romanian market 30 years ago, this year, with the opening of its first location on Calea Dorobantilor in Bucharest and today is the largest casual dine-in restaurant chain in Romania in terms of both total sales and number of restaurants. Following the network optimization implemented during H1 2026, as of June 30th, 2026, the Group operated 22 Pizza Hut restaurants across the major cities of Romania.



TACO BELL is the world's leading Mexican-inspired quick service restaurant (QSR), founded in California in 1962. Today, it has over 7,200 locations in more than 30 countries worldwide. The restaurants serve a variety of Mexican-inspired foods that include tacos, burritos, quesadillas, nachos, novelty and specialty items and a range of 'value menu' products.

Sphera Group opened the first Taco Bell store in Bucharest, Romania, in October 2017. As of June 30th, 2026, the Group operated 19 Taco Bell restaurants, including 18 in Romania and one in the Republic of Moldova.



CIOCCOLATITALIANI was founded in 2009 by the Ferrieri family and the brand found its definition in the word "Chocology," the art of mixing the best chocolate in the world with ice cream, pastry, and coffee. The Cioccolatitaliani product range includes a variety of items, such as artisanal ice cream prepared with different flavors and high-quality ingredients, chocolate lingos, pralines, and alternatives made from the renowned Cacao Fino de Aroma, as well as gourmet coffee, freshly baked Italian pastries, crepes, and waffles served with ice cream and various toppings.

Cioccolatitaliani currently operates a network of 43 units, most of them located in Italy, and several in the Balkans, Middle East and in North Africa. Annually, Cioccolatitaliani caters to over 6 million customers, serving over 4.5 million cups of coffee, more than 350,000 chocolate lingos and over 3.7 million gelato cones.

Sphera opened the first Cioccolatitaliani store in June 2025, and as of June 30th, 2026, the Group operated two Cioccolatitaliani locations in Italy.



HARD ROCK CAFE was founded in 1971 in London by Isaac Tigrett and Peter Morton, introducing a concept that combines American-style casual dining with the culture and energy of rock and roll music. The brand offers a menu centered around classic American dishes, including burgers, ribs, sandwiches, and other comfort food favorites, complemented by a selection of beverages and desserts. Each restaurant is designed as an immersive environment, featuring authentic rock memorabilia such as guitars, costumes, and personal items from iconic artists. In addition to its food and beverage offering, Hard Rock Cafe incorporates a retail component through branded merchandise, while music-themed décor and a vibrant atmosphere create a distinctive dining and entertainment experience.

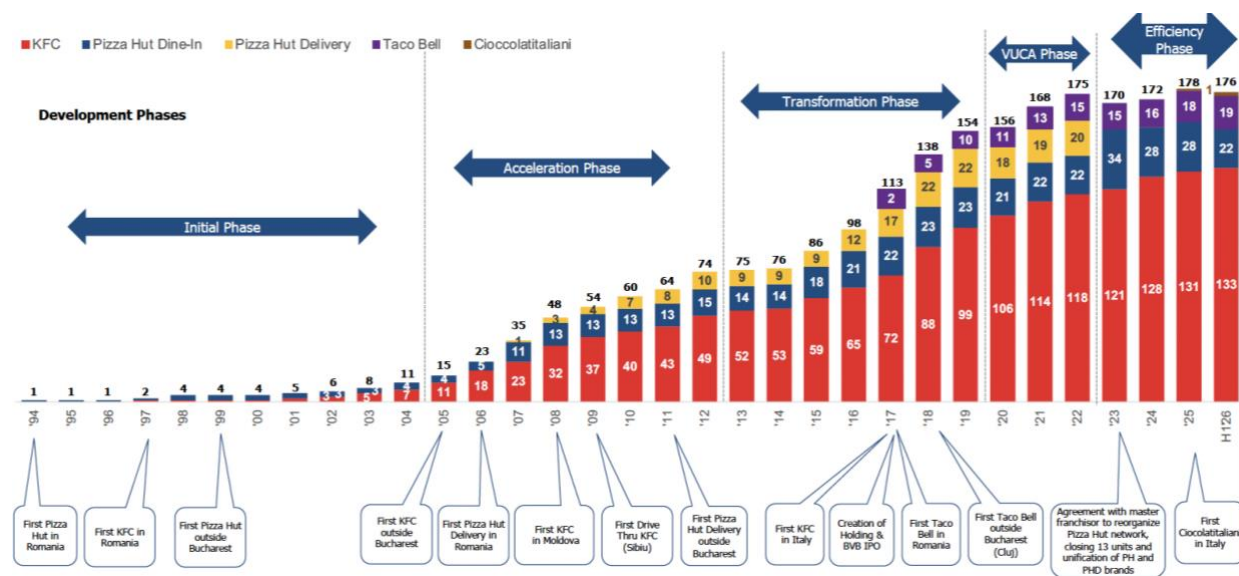
In October 2025, the Group announced that it has expanded its portfolio by adding the Hard Rock Cafe franchise, part of Hard Rock International. The Group plans to open five Hard Rock Cafe restaurants in Braşov, Timişoara, Iaşi, Cluj and Chişinău, over the course of five years. This development strengthens the Group's position in the foodservice market by expanding its portfolio into the global lifestyle brand segment.



WAGAMAMA is an internationally recognized pan-Asian dining brand, founded in London in 1992. The brand operates an international network of restaurants and is known for its Asian-inspired menu, efficient operating model and contemporary design concept, built around the "kaizen" philosophy of continuous improvement, with a focus on fresh, seasonally adapted dishes such as ramen, rice-based dishes and teppan, served in a dynamic, community-oriented setting.

The addition of wagamama reflects the Group's strategy to diversify its portfolio and expand into high-growth segments through partnerships with leading international brands, complementing recent additions such as Hard Rock Cafe and Cioccolatitaliani.

The historical evolution of the network rollout is presented below:



OUTLOOK AND RISKS REGARDING H2 2026

The Revenue and Expense Budget for 2026, approved by the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on April 29th, 2026 and published through Current Report no. 13/2026, was built on a set of assumptions regarding consumer demand, inflation and the fiscal framework that were appropriate at the time but have subsequently been affected by changing market conditions. In Romania, the Group's main market of activity, inflation remained above 10% throughout the first half of the year, compared with the average annual rate of around 6% assumed in the budget, while the fiscal measures adopted in 2025 continued to weigh on disposable income and consumer sentiment.

At the same time, the political environment in Romania remains unsettled, with the formation of a new Government still pending. As a result, there remains a degree of uncertainty regarding the fiscal and legislative framework applicable in the coming period.

In response to the evolving market environment, management has taken measures to adapt the business and preserve operational flexibility, including tighter cost control at restaurant and Group level. Given the current level of uncertainty, the management continues to assess a range of scenarios and refine the assumptions as conditions develop.

Any update to the 2026 outlook will be communicated to the market through a current report, in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements.

RISKS

The uncertainty described above does not change the nature of the risks to which the Group is exposed, but it increases the weight of several of them for the remainder of the year. The Group operates in a dynamic economic and regulatory environment and remains exposed to a range of external and internal factors that may affect its business, financial position, results of operations, cash flows, and prospects. The principal risks considered most relevant for the second half of 2026 are presented below.

Macroeconomic environment and consumer spending: The Group's performance remains linked to the broader economic environment in Romania, its main market, as well as in Italy and the Republic of Moldova. The fiscal measures adopted in Romania since the second half of 2025 – including the VAT increase and the liberalization of energy prices – together with an estimated inflation overpassing 10% for most of H1 2026, continue to weigh on household disposable income and may keep consumer spending more selective through H2, and may lead to the reduction in the frequency of restaurant visits, average ticket values and overall demand. Consumers may increasingly seek lower-priced alternatives or reduce discretionary spending, affecting sales growth and profitability. The Group has already demonstrated its ability to adapt its cost base accordingly, including through the completed optimization of the Pizza Hut network. Value-oriented offers across the KFC and Taco Bell brands, together with a diversified footprint across three countries, are aimed to support the Group's resilience to changes in consumer spending patterns.

Domestic political and fiscal risk: The Group remains exposed to domestic political and fiscal policy risk in Romania, including potential government instability, or the adoption of further fiscal consolidation measures beyond those already implemented in 2025, which could further affect consumer confidence and household spending in H2 2026.

Inflation, energy and operating costs: Elevated inflation continues to affect the cost of food ingredients, packaging, utilities, rents, logistics and other operating expenses. Energy markets also remain exposed to geopolitical developments, contributing to price volatility. Although the Group continuously implements procurement initiatives, operational efficiencies and selective pricing actions, there is no assurance that cost increases can be fully offset without affecting customer demand or margins.

Food safety, public health and ingredient supply: The Group operates in an industry where food safety and consumer confidence are fundamental. Actual or perceived food contamination, food-borne illnesses, product recalls or failures in the supply chain may result in customer complaints, regulatory investigations, temporary restaurant closures, legal claims and reputational damage. The Group relies on

third-party suppliers for poultry, fresh produce, dairy products, meat and other ingredients. Food safety incidents occurring elsewhere in the supply chain, even where the Group's own suppliers are not directly affected, may disrupt procurement, increase operating costs or reduce consumer confidence. Recent international outbreaks of food-borne illnesses linked to fresh produce, including leafy vegetables, together with continuing outbreaks of avian influenza affecting poultry production, illustrate that contamination events involving agricultural products may have significant consequences for restaurant operators through supply shortages, higher procurement costs, increased regulatory scrutiny and weaker consumer sentiment. Given the importance of poultry-based products within the KFC brand, outbreaks of avian influenza, Newcastle disease or other poultry diseases could have a disproportionate impact on the Group's operations, procurement costs and sales performance.

Labour availability and labour cost: The HoReCa sector remains labor-intensive and highly competitive for qualified employees. Labor shortages may affect service quality, restaurant productivity and the timely opening of new restaurants. At the same time, increases in minimum wages, payroll taxation, inflation and employee retention initiatives may continue to increase personnel costs. Although the Group invests in recruitment, training, automation and the employment of international staff, these measures may not fully offset labor market pressures.

Supplier price fluctuations and supply chain disruptions: The Group depends on the continuous availability of food ingredients, packaging materials and other operational supplies. Procurement costs may fluctuate due to commodity prices, transportation costs, weather conditions, geopolitical developments or supplier capacity constraints. Supply chain disruptions resulting from armed conflicts, trade restrictions, extreme weather events, transportation bottlenecks or financial difficulties affecting suppliers may increase procurement costs, delay deliveries or temporarily affect restaurant operations.

Consumer behaviour and competitive landscape: Consumer preferences continue to evolve in response to economic conditions, changing lifestyles, digital ordering habits and increased price sensitivity. Customers may reduce discretionary spending, shift towards lower-priced products or increasingly favor promotional offers and convenience-led formats. At the same time, the Group competes with international restaurant chains, local operators, food retailers and delivery-first concepts. Failure to adapt to changing consumer preferences or increasing competitive pressure may affect customer traffic, market share, pricing power and profitability.

Expansion execution: The Group's growth strategy includes the continued expansion of its restaurant network, the development of its existing brands, and the rollout of new concepts such as wagamama, Hard Rock Cafe and Cioccolatitaliani. These initiatives require significant investments and effective execution and may be affected by permitting delays, construction challenges, higher investment costs, supply chain constraints, labor shortages, or weaker-than-expected customer demand. Newly opened restaurants and recently launched concepts may require longer than anticipated to achieve targeted sales and profitability levels.

Delivery platforms and digital channels: Delivery, takeaway and digital ordering continue to represent an important component of the Group's revenues. A significant share of delivery sales is generated through third-party delivery platforms, exposing the Group to changes in commission structures, promotional requirements, commercial terms, visibility algorithms and other platform policies that may affect the profitability of delivery orders. In addition, although food preparation remains under the Group's direct control, the final customer experience depends partly on third-party delivery providers. Delays in delivery, improper food handling, inadequate transport conditions, courier conduct or other service failures may negatively affect customer satisfaction and the perception of the Group's brands, even where such incidents are outside the Group's direct control.

Geopolitical developments: Continuing geopolitical tensions, including the war in Ukraine and instability in the Middle East, may affect energy prices, transportation costs, commodity markets, exchange rates, investor sentiment and consumer confidence. Such developments may indirectly increase operating costs, disrupt supply chains or reduce discretionary consumer spending across the markets in which the Group operates.

Technology and cybersecurity: The Group increasingly relies on digital ordering systems, payment infrastructure, loyalty platforms and restaurant operating systems. Cyberattacks, ransomware, data

breaches, system failures or technological disruptions may interrupt operations, compromise confidential information, lead to regulatory sanctions and adversely affect the Group's reputation and financial performance.

Liquidity, foreign exchange and interest rate risk: The Group remains exposed to movements in foreign exchange rates and interest rates through financing arrangements, franchise-related obligations and certain procurement activities. In addition, weaker trading conditions, higher operating costs or reduced financing availability could affect liquidity and financial flexibility. Although the Group maintains prudent treasury management and access to financing, these risks cannot be entirely eliminated.

DISCLAIMER

The risks described above represent the principal risks and uncertainties identified by the Group as being most relevant for the second half of 2026. They should not be regarded as an exhaustive list of all risks that may affect the Group's business, financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Additional risks and uncertainties, whether currently unknown or considered immaterial at the date of this report, may also affect the Group's future performance and the market value of its shares. Investors are encouraged to consult the more comprehensive risk disclosures included in the Company's [**2025 Annual Report**](#) and its Listing Prospectus, together with their own independent assessment of the risks associated with an investment in Sphera Franchise Group.

DECLARATION FROM THE MANAGEMENT

Bucharest, August 31st, 2026

We confirm to the best of our knowledge that the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six-month period ended June 30th, 2026 give a true and fair view of Sphera Franchise Group's assets, liabilities, financial position and profit and loss, as required by the applicable accounting standards, and that the Directors' Report gives a true and fair view of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the 2026 financial year and their impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Chief Executive Officer

Calin Ionescu

Chief Financial Officer

Valentin Budes



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**INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT AND
FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026 (UNAUDITED)**

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements presented below are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by European Union ("IFRS").

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited.

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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026 (UNAUDITED)

	Note	Six-month period ended 30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Restaurant sales	13	754,512	745,209
Other restaurant income	13	1,447	2,321
Restaurant expenses			
Food and material expenses		233,338	237,460
Payroll and employee benefits	4	189,026	187,425
Rental expenses		13,080	13,730
Royalties expenses		45,196	44,705
Advertising expenses		43,354	35,104
Other operating expenses	5	105,158	106,462
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	7	61,459	60,861
Restaurant operating profit		65,348	61,783
General and administrative expenses	6	31,929	32,586
Profit from operating activities		33,419	29,197
Finance costs	8	21,369	18,052
Finance income		369	359
Profit before tax		12,419	11,504
Income tax from continuing operations		5,263	5,064
Profit		7,156	6,440
Attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		6,955	6,216
Non-controlling interests		201	224
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Other comprehensive income that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods</i>			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		(86)	2
Total comprehensive income		7,070	6,442
Attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		6,858	6,217
Non-controlling interests		212	225

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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2026 (UNAUDITED)

	30 June 2026	31 December 2025
Assets		
Non-current assets	652,096	636,852
Property, plant and equipment	268,303	256,776
Right-of-use assets	293,198	285,821
Intangible assets and goodwill	61,508	61,430
Financial assets (cash collateral)	1,642	6,916
Deferred tax assets	27,445	25,909
Current assets	85,625	141,191
Inventories	15,391	17,104
Trade and other current receivables	15,866	12,993
Prepayments	9,544	8,539
Cash and short-term deposits	44,824	102,555
Total assets	737,721	778,043
Equity and liabilities		
Equity		
Issued capital (Note 10) Error! Reference source not found.	580,102	581,990
Share premium	(519,998)	(519,998)
Treasury shares (Note 10)	(802)	(6,381)
Reserves for share-based remuneration	2,583	3,808
Other reserves	(1,512)	(1,512)
Retained earnings	31,388	68,766
Reserve of exchange differences on translation	(318)	(221)
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	91,443	126,452
Non-controlling interests	684	472
Total equity	92,127	126,924
Non-current liabilities	380,783	365,466
Long-term borrowings (Note 9)	111,859	106,197
Non-current lease liabilities	262,269	251,844
Net employee defined benefit liabilities	5,698	6,172
Long-term trade and other payables	330	330
Deferred revenue	288	375
Deferred tax liabilities	339	548
Current liabilities	264,811	285,653
Trade and other current payables	141,604	163,563
Contract liabilities	747	652
Short-term borrowings (Note 9)	42,304	42,492
Current lease liabilities	75,915	71,267
Income tax payable	3,101	5,243
Provisions	1,140	2,436
Total liabilities	645,594	651,119
Total equity and liabilities	737,721	778,043

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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026 (UNAUDITED)

	Issued capital	Share premium	Treasury shares	Reserves for share-based remuneration	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Foreign currency translation reserve	Equity attributable to owners of the parent	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
As at 1 January 2026	581,990	(519,998)	(6,381)	3,808	(1,512)	68,766	(221)	126,452	472	126,924
Profit	-	-	-	-	-	6,955	-	6,955	201	7,156
Other comprehensive income										
Exchange differences on translation	-	-	-	-	-	-	(97)	(97)	11	(86)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	6,955	(97)	6,858	212	7,070
Reduction of share capital	(1,888)	-	4,996	-	-	(3,108)	-	-	-	-
Acquisition of own shares (Note 10.2)	-	-	(802)	-	-	-	-	(802)	-	(802)
Shares granted (Note 10.2)	-	-	1,385	-	-	-	-	1,385	-	1,385
Share-based remuneration	-	-	-	(1,225)	-	-	-	(1,225)	-	(1,225)
Loss related to acquisition of treasury shares	-	-	-	-	-	(231)	-	(231)	-	(231)
Dividends declared	-	-	-	-	-	(40,994)	-	(40,994)	-	(40,994)
At 30 June 2026	580,102	(519,998)	(802)	2,583	(1,512)	31,388	(318)	91,443	684	92,127

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	Issued capital	Share premium	Treasury shares	Reserves for share-based remuneration	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Foreign currency translation reserve	Equity attributable to owners of the parent	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
As at 1 January 2025	581,990	(519,998)	(4,789)	3,685	(1,352)	95,158	(263)	154,431	556	154,987
Profit	-	-	-	-	-	6,216	-	6,216	224	6,440
Other comprehensive income										
Exchange differences on translation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	6,216	-	6,216	226	6,442
Acquisition of own shares (Note 10.2)	-	-	(1,495)	-	-	-	-	(1,495)	-	(1,495)
Shares granted (Note 10.2)	-	-	1,289	-	-	-	-	1,289	-	1,289
Share-based remuneration	-	-	-	(897)	-	-	-	(897)	-	(897)
Loss related to acquisition of treasury shares	-	-	-	-	-	(391)	-	(391)	-	(391)
Dividends declared	-	-	-	-	-	(42,154)	-	(42,154)	(313)	(42,467)
At 30 June 2025	581,990	(519,998)	(4,995)	2,788	(1,352)	58,829	(263)	116,999	469	117,468

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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026 (UNAUDITED)

	Six-month period ended	30 June	30 June
	2026	2025	
Operating activities			
Profit before tax	12,419	11,504	
<i>Adjustments to reconcile profit before tax to net cash flows:</i>			
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	37,338	35,396	
Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment	24,160	25,262	
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and goodwill	2,814	3,298	
Other income	-	1,624	
Adjustments for unrealised foreign exchange losses/(gains)	11,550	7,679	
Adjustments for (gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets	(29)	(178)	
Adjustments for finance income	(369)	(359)	
Adjustments for finance costs (interest and bank charges)	10,995	11,301	
Movements in provisions, net	(1,296)	1,641	
Working capital adjustments:			
Adjustments to decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables and prepayments	1,034	(309)	
Adjustments for decrease/(increase) in inventories	1,714	1,716	
Adjustments for (decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(26,026)	(25,328)	
Interest received classified as operating activities	368	357	
Interest paid classified as operating activities	(10,903)	(11,079)	
Income tax paid	(8,330)	(8,962)	
Cash flows from in operating activities	55,439	53,563	
Investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	55	139	
Purchase of intangible assets	(2,827)	(7,890)	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(34,288)	(21,004)	
Cash flows used in investing activities	(37,060)	(28,755)	
Financing activities			
Acquisition of treasury shares	(802)	(1,495)	
Proceeds from borrowings	23,867	25,078	
Repayment of borrowings	(22,356)	(20,843)	
Payment of lease liabilities	(37,160)	(33,690)	
Net dividends paid to equity holders of the parent	(39,333)	(39,790)	
Cash flows used in financing activities	(75,784)	(70,740)	
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(57,405)	(45,932)	
Net foreign exchange differences	(326)	(279)	
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	102,555	115,764	
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	44,824	69,553	

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1 CORPORATE INFORMATION

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared by Sphera Franchise Group SA and comprise its activities and those of its subsidiaries, together referred hereinafter as 'SFG' or 'the Group'. Sphera Franchise Group SA is listed on Bucharest Stock Exchange under the symbol "SFG". Sphera Franchise Group SA ("the legal Parent", or "Sphera") was incorporated on 16 May 2017 as a joint stock company and is registered at No. 239 Calea Dorobantilor, Bucharest, Romania.

The Group operates quick service and takeaway restaurant concepts under the Kentucky Fried Chicken ("KFC") brand (133 restaurants as at 30 June 2026 and 131 restaurants as at 31 December 2025, spread across Romania, as well as in the Republic of Moldova and in Italy), a chain of pizza restaurants (22 restaurants as at 30 June 2026 and 28 restaurants and one sub-franchise as at December 2025) under the Pizza Hut ("PH") brand, a chain of 19 restaurants under the "Taco Bell" brand as at 30 June 2026, 18 in Romania and one in Republic of Moldova (18 restaurants at 31 December 2025 in Romania) and 2 Cioccolatoitaliani locations in Italy as at 30 June 2026 (1 location at 31 December 2025 in Italy).

US Food Network SA (USFN), the subsidiary which operates the KFC franchise in Romania was incorporated in 1994 as a joint stock company and is registered at No. 239 Calea Dorobantilor Street, Bucharest, Romania.

American Restaurant System SA (ARS) operating the Pizza Hut and Pizza Hut Delivery franchises was incorporated in 1994 as a joint stock company and is registered at No. 239 Calea Dorobantilor Street, Bucharest, Romania.

The Moldavian subsidiary, US Food Network SRL which operates the KFC franchise in Moldova, was incorporated in 2008 as a limited liability company and is registered at No. 45 Banulescu Bodoni Street, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. The Group owns 80% of the company's shares.

The Italian subsidiary, US Food Network Srl operating the KFC franchise in Italy was incorporated in 2016 as a limited liability company and is registered at No. 5 Viale Francesco Restelli Street, Milano, Italy. The Group owns 100% of the company's shares.

California Fresh Flavors SRL (CFF) was set up on 19 June 2017 and operates Taco Bell franchise in Romania. Sphera owns 99.99% of the company's shares. The company operates as a limited liability company and is registered at No. 239 Calea Dorobantilor, Bucharest, Romania.

Choco Franchise Srl (CHOCO), operating the Ciccolatitaliani franchise in Italy was incorporated in 2024 as a limited liability company and it was registered at No. 5 Viale Francesco Restelli Street, Milano, Italy. The Group owns 100% of the company's shares.

HRC Restaurants SRL (HRC), operating Hard Rock franchise in Romania was incorporated in September 2025 as a limited liability company and it is registered at No. 239 Calea Dorobantilor, Bucharest, Romania. The Parent company owns 100% of the company's shares.

Pan Asian Food SRL (PAF), operating Wagamama franchise in Romania was incorporated in March 2026 as a limited liability company and it is registered at No. 239 Calea Dorobantilor, Bucharest, Romania. The Parent company owns 100% of the company's shares.

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2 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The interim condensed consolidated unaudited financial statements of the Group as of and for the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis. The financial statements are presented in Romanian Lei ("RON") and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand RON, except when otherwise indicated. Accordingly, there may be rounding differences.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2025.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements for six-month period ended 30 June 2026 included in this report are unaudited.

General accounting policies

The accounting policies and valuation methods adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The amendments effective from 1 January 2026 do not have a material impact on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements. The Group has not early adopted any other standards, interpretations or amendments that have been issued, but are not yet effective.

Foreign currencies

The Group's interim condensed financial statements are presented in Romanian New Lei ("RON"), which is also the legal parent Company's functional currency. Each entity in the Group determines its own functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency (namely Moldavian Leu "MDL" for the Moldavian subsidiary and the Euro "EUR" for the Italian subsidiary).

The exchange rates as at 30 June 2026 and 31 December 2025 and the average exchange rates for the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 and 30 June 2025 were:

	Closing exchange rates		Average exchange rates	
	30 June 2026	31 December 2025	Six-month period ended 30 June 2026	Six-month period ended 30 June 2025
RON – EUR	5.2438	5.0985	5.1423	5.0037
RON – USD	4.6010	4.3417	4.4081	4.5844
RON – MDL	0.2602	0.2580	0.2556	0.2566

Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded by the Group entities at their respective functional currency spot rate at the date the transaction first qualifies for recognition.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency spot rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date.

Differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognised in profit or loss.

Group companies

On consolidation, the assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into RON at the rate of exchange prevailing at the reporting date and their revenues and expenses are translated using the average exchange rates of daily exchange rates published by National Bank of Romania (NBR) as detailed above. Equity items are translated into RON at the historical exchange rate. The exchange differences arising on the translation are recognised in OCI.

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3 GROUP INFORMATION

The group structure was changed during the six-month period ended 30 June 2026, including a new subsidiary, Pan Asian Food SRL. Details of the Group consolidated subsidiaries at 30 June 2026 and 31 December 2025 are as follows:

Company name	Country of incorporation	Field of activity	Control 30 June 2026	Control 31 December 2025
US Food Network SA	Romania	Restaurants	99.9997%	99.9997%
American Restaurant System SA	Romania	Restaurants	99.9997%	99.9997%
California Fresh Flavours SRL	Romania	Restaurants	99.9900%	99.9900%
US Foods Network SRL	Moldova	Restaurants	80.0000%	80.0000%
US Food Network SRL	Italy	Restaurants	100.0000%	100.0000%
Choco Franchise SRL	Italy	Restaurants	100.0000%	100.0000%
HRC Restaurants SRL	Romania	Restaurants	100.0000%	100.0000%
Pan Asian Food SRL	Romania	Restaurants	100.0000%	-

4 PAYROLL AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	Six-month period ended	
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Payroll and employee benefits recognized in "Restaurant expenses"	189,026	187,425
Payroll and employee benefits recognized in "General and administrative expenses "	22,326	22,785
Total Payroll and employee benefits	211,352	210,210

Payroll costs of RON 1,050 thousand representing the value of project management and other technical activities performed by the Group's employees during the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 (2025: RON 1,070 thousand) for the construction or refurbishment of restaurants were capitalized in the cost of construction of the non-current assets.

5 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	Six-month period ended	
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Third-party services	52,168	55,489
Utilities	24,428	21,515
Maintenance and repairs	10,024	10,345
Cleaning supplies	5,310	5,195
Transport	3,965	3,619
Smallwares	1,895	2,299
Bank charges	3,035	3,160
Excise duty	675	624
Telephone and postage	778	671
Insurance	389	341
Net (gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets	(29)	(178)
Miscellaneous expenses and revenues	2,520	3,382
Total	105,158	106,462

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6 GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	Six-month period ended	
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Payroll and employee benefits	22,326	22,785
Third-party services	4,642	4,832
Depreciation, amortization and impairment of non-current assets	2,854	3,096
Rent	109	126
Banking charges	299	297
Transport	1,039	847
Maintenance and repairs	99	104
Smallwares	44	41
Insurance	95	77
Telephone and postage	177	184
Miscellaneous expenses and revenues	245	197
Total	31,929	32,586

7 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

	Six-month period ended	
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Depreciation of right-of-use assets recognized in "Restaurant expenses"	35,804	33,825
Depreciation, amortization and impairment of other non-current assets recognized in "Restaurant expenses"	25,655	27,036
Depreciation, amortization and impairment recognized in "Restaurant expenses"	61,459	60,861
Depreciation of non-operating right-of-use assets recognized in "General and administrative expenses"	1,535	1,571
Depreciation, amortization and impairment of other non-current assets recognized in "General and administrative expenses"	1,319	1,525
Depreciation, amortization and impairment recognized in "General and administrative expenses"	2,854	3,096
Total depreciation, amortization and impairment	64,313	63,957

For the six month-period ended 30 June 2025, depreciation and impairment expenses include an impairment charge of a total amount of RON 3,462 thousand, comprising: an amount of RON 1,215 thousand related to the leasehold improvements and other non-recoverable non-current assets, following the relocation of KFC IS Palas Drive to a new area, as a part of the landlord's initiative to redesign the commercial park; and RON 2,247 thousand related to the non-current assets associated with the closure of a KFC restaurant located in Bari, Italy.

8 FINANCE COSTS

	Six-month period ended	
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Interest on loans and borrowings	3,123	3,157
Interest expense on lease liabilities	7,789	8,078
Interest cost on benefit obligation	82	67
Foreign exchange loss	10,375	6,750
Total finance costs	21,369	18,052

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9 BORROWINGS

	Interest rate, %	30 June 2026	31 December 2025
Current borrowings			
	EURIBOR 3M + relevant spread		
Current portion of bank loans		42,304	42,492
Total current borrowings		42,304	42,492
Non-current borrowings			
	EURIBOR 3M + relevant spread		
Non-current portion of bank loans		111,859	106,197
Total non-current borrowings		111,859	106,197
Total borrowings		154,163	148,689

The Group's financing facilities consist of:

- Financing facilities with Unicredit Bank Romania (Alpha Bank Romania). Starting November 4, 2024, Alpha Bank Romania became part of the UniCredit Group, the merger between the two banks being completed on August 15, 2025.

The Group has an uncommitted long term credit facility in maximum amount of EUR 42,167 thousand, out of which it is used the amount of EUR 27,462 thousand, for the development of new locations and financing of the foreign subsidiaries, with a maturity of 6 years from each withdrawal, a credit facility for issuance of bank guarantee letters of EUR 3,500 thousand out of which the amount of EUR 3,071 is used at 30 June 2026, as well as a multi-optional short-term facility in a maximum amount of RON 11,678 thousand for financing of working capital and guarantee letters, out of which is used the amount of RON 5,834 thousand (for guarantee letters) as at 30 June 2026. The loan facilities are secured with property, plant and equipment of restaurant locations for which the credit limit has been utilised, pledge on business goodwill, pledge on current accounts opened with the bank, promissory notes issued, pledge on receivables from shares owned by the Group in its subsidiaries from Moldova and Italy.

- An uncommitted short-term facility agreement signed in June 2024 with Citibank Europe PLC Dublin – Romania Branch by Sphera Franchise Group SA and USFN Romania, as Borrowers, in total amount of EUR 3,500 thousand, used by the borrowers for issuance of letters of guarantee for borrowers' use or on behalf of other Group entities. The facility is secured with a movable mortgage on the bank accounts of the borrowers opened at the Bank. As of June 30, 2026, it was used for issuance of guarantee letters the amount of RON 13,114 thousand, equivalent of EUR 2,501 thousand (31 December 2025: RON 10,316 thousand, equivalent of EUR 2,023 thousand).

- An uncommitted long-term facility agreement in amount of EUR 460,000 and a long-term facility in amount of EUR 410,000 signed in June, respectively October 2025 by Choco Franchise SRL with Banca Popolare di Milano (BPM), each facility being repayable in 60 monthly instalments. The credit facilities are intended to support the development activities of the Cioccolatitaliani brand. The loans are unsecured, carry no financial covenants, and are backed by a binding letter of comfort issued by Sphera Franchise Group SA.

- In October 2025, respectively December 2025, USFN Italy signed two uncommitted long-term facility agreements with Banca Popolare di Milano (BPM) for an amount of EUR 890,000, respectively EUR 360,000 repayable in 60 monthly instalments from drawdown date. The credit facilities are intended to support the development activities of the KFC brand in Italy. The loans are unsecured, carry no financial covenants and are backed by a binding letter of comfort issued by Sphera Franchise Group SA.

Covenants:

The Group's borrowing arrangement with Unicredit Bank and Citi Bank contains several covenants, mainly of quantitative nature, out of which the most important relates to the ratio bank net debt, including non-cash loan utilized for letter of guarantee / EBITDA at a consolidated level, excluding the impact of IFRS 16, which should not exceed at any point in time 2.5.

Breaches in meeting the financial covenant at Group consolidated level would permit the bank to call the loan amount needed to meet the financial covenant. There have been no breaches of the consolidated financial covenant for the years ended 31 December 2025 and 31 December 2024.

The Group's borrowing arrangements with Banco Popolare di Milano do not include financial covenants.

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10 EQUITY

10.1 Issued capital

	30 June 2026	31 December 2025
Authorised shares		
Ordinary shares of 15 RON each	38,673,462	38,799,340
Share capital (RON thousand)	580,102	581,990

The shareholders of Sphera Franchise Group SA as of 30 June 2026, respectively, are: Shaletia Ventures Ltd. (29.6428%), Computerland Romania SRL (20.5994%), Wellkept Group SA (18.3296%) and free float (31.4282%).

The shareholders of Sphera Franchise Group SA as at 31 December 2025 are: Shaletia Ventures LTD (29.5466%), Computerland Romania SRL (20.5326%), Wellkept Group SA (17.0739%) and free float (32.8469%).

As at 30 June 2026, Sphera Group held 20,732 own treasury shares, representing 0.0536% of the parent company's share capital (31 December 2025: 163,503 own treasury shares, representing 0.421%).

Following the shareholders' decision dated April 29, 2025, Sphera Franchise Group SA registered in February 2026 a share capital decrease of RON 1,888 thousand through the annulment of 125,878 own ordinary shares. As a result, the value of the share capital decreased from RON 581,990 thousand to RON 580,102 thousand.

10.2 Treasury shares

Buyback programs (one program for the reduction of the share capital and one program for share option plan)

In accordance with the decisions of the General Meetings of Shareholders, the Group executed two buyback programs through market operations: one program was aimed at implementing the share option plan for top management, while the other was focused on reducing the share capital by canceling the redeemed shares.

As of June 30, 2026, the Group held 20,732 own treasury shares for the share option plan. As of December 31, 2025, the Group held 163,503 own treasury shares for the two buyback programs.

As part of the Group's share option plan, during the six-month period ended 30 June 2026, SFG assigned 37,625 free shares with a total value of RON 1,385 thousand to the executive directors of the Group, representing the SOP for activity carried out in 2023 and 2024.

Following the shareholder approvals granted at the April 2026 General Meetings, the Group initiated a share buyback program on June 19th, 2026. As at June 30, 2026, the Group had bought 20,732 shares at an average price of RON 38.6623 per share, for a total consideration of RON 802 thousand.

The first stage of the program was completed on July 10th, 2026, with the buyback of 44,210 shares at an average price of RON 39.1187 per share, for a total consideration of RON 1,729 thousand. The shares were repurchased for the implementation of the Stock Option Plan for Directors covering the 2023-2025 period, as well as for members of management of certain Group subsidiaries.

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11 EBITDA

	Six-month period ended	
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Operating profit	33,419	29,198
Adjustments to bridge operating profit to EBITDA:		
Depreciation, amortization and impairment of non-current assets included in restaurant expenses	61,459	60,861
Depreciation, amortization and impairment of non-current assets included in general and administrative expenses	2,853	3,096
EBITDA	97,732	93,155
Normalization adjustments	114	1,617
Normalized EBITDA	97,846	94,772

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 EBITDA was normalized to exclude the one-off operating costs in amount of 114 related to the restaurants closure.

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2025, EBITDA was normalized by excluding non-recurring expenses amounting to RON 1,617 thousand. These include redundancy costs of RON 1,289 thousand (Note 4) and other operating expenses of RON 328 thousand, both related to the closing of the KFC restaurant located in Bari, Italy.

12 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 and 30 June 2025 respectively, the Group has carried out transactions with the following related parties:

Related party	Nature of the relationship	Country of incorporation	Nature of transactions
Moulin D'Or SRL	Entity affiliated to shareholders of the parent	Romania	Goods and services
Midi Development SRL	Entity affiliated to shareholders of the parent	Romania	Services
Grand Plaza Hotel SA	Entity affiliated to a shareholder of the parent	Romania	Rent and utilities store PH Dorobanti, services
Arggo Software Development and Consulting SRL	Entity affiliated to a shareholder of the parent	Romania	IT services
Wellkept Group SA	Shareholder and entity under common control of Radu Dimofte, ultimate controlling party of the Group	Romania	Rent training center (2025) and payment of dividends
Shaletia Ventures Ltd.	Shareholder and entity under common control of Radu Dimofte, ultimate controlling party of the Group	Cyprus	Payment of dividends
Radu Dimofte	Beneficial owner of Wellkept Group SA, Shaletia Ventures Ltd. and ultimate controlling party of the Group	Romania	Rent store KFC Mosilor
Computerland Romania SRL	Shareholder with significant influence	Romania	Payment of dividends, acquisition of IT equipment, licenses
Elicom SRL	Entity affiliated to a shareholder of the parent	Romania	Call-centre services
Dorobanti 239 Imobiliare SRL	Entity affiliated to a shareholder of the parent	Romania	Rent and utilities for restaurant and administrative area
Baneasa Developments SRL	Entity affiliated to a shareholder of the parent	Romania	Restaurant rent

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Baneasa Investments SA Entity affiliated to a shareholder of the parent Romania Restaurant rent

The following table provides the total amount of transactions that have been entered into with related parties for the relevant period:

	Transactions during the six-month period ended 30 June 2026		Balances as at 30 June 2026	
	Sales to related parties (without VAT)	Purchases from related parties (without VAT)	Amounts owed by related parties	Amounts owed to related parties
Midi Development SRL	-	5	-	-
Grand Plaza Hotel SA	-	692	66	2
Arggo Software Development and Consulting SRL	-	561	-	7
Dorobanti 239 Imobiliare SRL	-	2,179	-	8
Baneasa Developments SRL	-	2,446	-	116
Baneasa Investments SA	-	346	172	-
Computerland Romania SRL	8	296	4	-
Elicom SRL	-	263	-	53
Radu Dimofte	-	44	-	-
Moulin D'Or SRL	-	0	-	0
	8	6,832	242	186

	Transactions during the six-month period ended 30 June 2025		Balances as at 31 December 2025	
	Sales to related parties	Purchases from related parties	Amounts owed by related parties	Amounts owed to related parties
Wellkept Group SA	-	252	-	-
Grand Plaza Hotel SA	-	647	66	9
Arggo Software Development and Consulting SRL	-	667	28	46
Dorobanti 239 Imobiliare SRL	-	1,982	-	140
Baneasa Developments SRL	-	2,402	-	151
Baneasa Investments SA	-	353	172	5
Computerland Romania SRL	14	107	503	606
Elicom SRL	-	283	-	49
Radu Dimofte	-	50	-	-
Moulin D'Or SRL	-	1	-	-
Parc Hotels SA	-	-	-	5
	14	6,744	769	1,011

Compensation of key management personnel of the Group:

	Six-months ended	
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Short-term employee benefits	5,337	4,467
Total compensation of the key management personnel	5,337	4,467

The amounts disclosed in the table are the amounts recognized as an expense during each reporting period.

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13 SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on the restaurants' brands, as follows:

- KFC restaurants
- Pizza Hut restaurants
- Taco Bell restaurants
- Choco restaurants (Cioccolatitaliani)

Inter-segment revenues are presented in the "Inter-segment revenues" line and eliminated during consolidation.

The first restaurant of the new brand, Cioccolatitaliani ("CHOCO") was inaugurated in Italy on 20 June 2025 and contributed RON 52 thousand to restaurant operating revenues during H1 2025. In the comparative reporting period, the brand was presented under the "Other" segment.

In September 2025, the Group added Hard Rock Café ("HRC") to its portfolio and, in March 2026, Wagamama ("PAF"), an Asian cuisine brand. The development of these new brands is planned to start at the end of 2026 - the beginning of 2027. Until they commence operations, these two brands will be presented under the "Other" segment.

The Board of Directors monitors the operating results of the operating segments separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on segment operating profit and is measured consistently with "Restaurant operating profit" in the statement of comprehensive income in the consolidated financial statements.

Six-month period ended 30 June 2026	KFC	Pizza Hut	Taco Bell	Choco	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated
Revenues from external customers	647,379	49,996	55,724	1,413	-	-	754,512
Inter-segment revenues	-	-	-	-	19,393	(19,393)	-
Other income	1,728	123	41	-	-	(445)	1,447
Dividend revenues	-	-	-	-	69,157	(69,157)	-
Operating expenses	607,136	54,726	55,847	3,405	21,207	(19,781)	722,540
Segment operating profit/(loss)	41,971	(4,607)	(82)	(1,992)	67,343	(69,214)	33,419
Finance costs	19,265	1,700	1,957	333	170	(2,056)	21,369
Finance income	1,603	2	-	-	820	(2,056)	369
Income tax expense	5,531	-	(209)	(59)	-	-	5,263
Net profit/(loss)	18,778	(6,305)	(1,830)	(2,266)	67,993	(69,214)	7,156
Total assets 30 June 2026	636,757	39,011	63,129	18,288	785,430	(804,894)	737,721
Total liabilities 30 June 2026	641,446	80,250	58,254	20,532	49,544	(204,432)	645,594
Total assets 31 December 2025	681,638	40,238	56,624	12,390	754,507	(767,354)	778,043
Total liabilities 31 December 2025	633,209	75,173	52,544	12,325	45,019	(167,151)	651,119

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Six-month period ended 30 June 2025	KFC	Pizza Hut	Taco Bell	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated
Revenues from external customers	641,740	53,355	50,069	45	-	745,209
Inter-segment revenues	-	-	-	21,465	(21,465)	-
Other income	2,152	180	32	-	(43)	2,321
Dividend revenues	-	-	-	105,501	(105,501)	-
Operating expenses	612,372	57,196	47,287	23,270	(21,792)	718,333
Segment operating profit/(loss)	31,520	(3,661)	2,814	103,741	(105,217)	29,197
Finance costs	16,395	1,444	1,389	968	(2,144)	18,052
Finance income	1,611	2	-	890	(2,144)	359
Income tax expense	4,600	-	290	174	-	5,064
Net profit/(loss)	12,136	(5,103)	1,135	103,489	(105,217)	6,440
Total assets 30 June 2025	629,655	47,303	45,864	150,426	(131,362)	741,886
Total liabilities 30 June 2025	629,177	78,453	43,500	62,526	(189,238)	624,418

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2026, other income includes revenues from recycled oil sales, sub-franchise fees, and other miscellaneous income.

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2025, other income includes a write-off of lease liability (1,624 thousand RON) related to a location where the construction permit could not be obtained due to factors beyond the Group's control, as well as revenues from recycled oil sales, sub-franchise fees, and other miscellaneous income.

Geographic information:

Revenue from external customers	Six-month period ended	
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Romania	648,151	638,526
Italy	90,328	93,098
Republic of Moldova	16,033	13,585
Total restaurant revenue	754,512	745,209

The revenue information above is based on the location of the customers.

Bucharest, 31 August 2026

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