

### SECURITIE II

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 6-K

## REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March, 2018 Commission File Number: 001-38378

### **Hudson Ltd.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

4 New Square Bedfont Lakes Feltham, Middlesex TW14 E

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### Hudson Ltd.

By: /s/Adrian Bartella

Name: Adrian Bartella Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 15, 2018

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

#### Description

Exhibit No.

99.1

Press release, dated March 15, 2018 - Hudson Group Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2017 Results



Exhibit 99.1

#### Hudson Group Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2017 Results

East Rutherford, NJ – March 15, 2018 – Hudson Ltd. (NYSE: HUD) ("Hudson Group"), a leader in North American travel retail, announced today its results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2017.

#### Highlights for 2017 and Recent Events

- · Fourth quarter turnover of \$450 million, a year-over-year increase of 8.5%; record full year turnover of \$1.8 billion, a 6.8% year-over-year increase.
- Full year organic sales growth of 8.8%; like-for-like sales growth of 4.8%.
- · Fourth quarter adjusted EBITDA of \$41 million, a year-over-year increase of 9.2%; record full year adjusted EBITDA of \$173 million, a 10.4% year-over-year increase.
- · Successfully won, extended or expanded thirteen concession contracts during 2017.
- · Completed initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange in February 2018.

"Our strong performance in 2017, highlighted by increased like-for-like and organic sales growth, underscores our ability to drive value and productivity from our existing portfolio of stores, while simultaneously executing new business opportunities," stated Joe DiDomizio, President and CEO of Hudson Group. "During the year, we expanded our breadth and scale by winning RFP processes in five new locations, extending or expanding operations in eight existing airports and increasing our overall footprint. As a newly public company, I am energized by the prospect for continued growth and believe we are well-positioned to drive long-term shareholder value through our core purpose of being the Traveler's Best Friend."

#### Fourth Quarter & Full Year 2017 Summary

- **Turnover** increased \$35.3 million or 8.5% to \$450.4 million for the fourth quarter compared to \$415.1 million in the fourth quarter 2016. Full year turnover increased \$115.3 million or 6.8% to \$1,802.5 million compared to \$1,687.2 million in the prior year.
  - o Fourth quarter net sales increased \$34.9 million or 8.6% from the year-ago period. Full year net sales increased \$110.7 million or 6.7% to \$1,760.8 million compared to \$1,650.1 million in 2016.
  - o Fourth quarter organic sales growth was 9.4%, compared to 10.1% in the year-ago period. Full year organic sales growth was 8.8% during the year compared to 5.4% in 2016.
  - o Fourth quarter like-for-like sales growth was 5.6% (4.5% in constant currency), compared to 6.5% (6.5% in constant currency) in the year-ago period. Full year like-for-like sales growth was 4.8% (4.4% in constant currency) compared to 3.9% (4.3% in constant currency) in 2016.
- **Gross profit** increased \$22.2 million or 8.6% to \$281.5 million in the fourth quarter compared to \$259.3 million in the year-ago period. For the full year, gross profit increased \$80.3 million or 7.7% to \$1,122.2 million versus \$1,041.9 million in the year-ago period. Gross margin increased 50 bps to 62.3% in 2017 due to sales mix shift to higher margin categories, as well as improved supply chain synergies related to the integration of acquired World Duty Free stores.

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#### **Operational Update**

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During 2017, the Company retained and expanded business through RFP wins in Jackson, Raleigh, Chicago Midway, O





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# CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

IN MILLIONS OF USD (EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)	QUARTER ENDED 12/31/2017	QUARTER ENDED 12/31/2016	YEAR ENDED 12/31/2017	YEAR ENDED 12/31/2016
Turnover	450.4	415.1	1,802.5	1,687.2
Cost of sales	(168.9)	(155.8)	(680.3)	(645.3)
Gross profit	281.5	259.3	1,122.2	1,041.9
Selling expenses	(105.8)	(97.5)	(421.2)	(395.7)
Personnel expenses	(95.6)	(85.5)8		(337.4)
General expenses	(38.7)	(37.7)	(156.9)	(151.9)
Share of result of associates		(0.7)	(0.3)	(0.7)
Depreciation, amortization and impairment				
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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**AT DECEMBER 31, 2017** 

IN MILLIONS OF USD	DECEMBER 31, 2017	DECEMBER 31, 2016
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