

The result reflects the effect of Covid-19

EROSKI CLOSES THE FIRST SEMESTER WITH A PROFIT OF 48 MILLION EUROS

- **Sales have grown by 7.2% in the group as a whole, up to 2,412 million Euros**
- **The group created 1,562 jobs in the first half of the year**
- **The commitment to guarantee store safety and optimal customer service has considerably increased expenditure on items related to protection elements, team reinforcement and cleaning**

Elorrio, 2 October 2020.- The [EROSKI](#) group has closed the accounts for the first semester of the year, as of 31 July 2020, with a positive result of 48 million Euros.

Altogether, the EROSKI group shows a turnover of 2,412 million Euros. This figure involves a growth of 7.2% as compared to that of the first semester of the previous year. This is especially remarkable in the food sector, where the impact of Covid-19, as well as the greater appeal of the proximity stores and their capillarity, have increased sales by 12%. The activity in the food sector has offset the decrease in the activity in other areas, such as travel agencies and petrol stations, due to the mobility restrictions resulting from the pandemic.

"The accounts reflect a socially exceptional situation which has brought about a better performance in sales, but also an increase in expenses as a result of the need to offer the best service to customers, guaranteeing a safe environment", the director general of the Commercial Network, Rosa Carabel, has explained.

The main increases have taken place in those items of expenditure related to protection equipment, store safety and cleaning as well as work team reinforcement, so as to provide a first-rate service. In this regard, the EROSKI group ended the semester with 1,562 new hires.

During the first part of the year, EROSKI repaid 40 million Euros of financial debt, which involves a repayment rate above what was established in the refinancing agreement.

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During the first semester, the EROSKI Group opened 37 new shops. To be precise, 4 supermarkets of their own, 1 Cash & Carry and 32 franchised stores. The investment made during the period amounted to 31.2 million Euros.

The group has more than 6 million Member Customers, who hold EROSKI Club, CAPRABO and FORUM SPORT cards. During the first semester of the year, EROSKI transferred 138 million Euros in savings to its Member Customers through increasingly personalized offers and promotions.

The parent cooperative, EROSKI S. COOP., closed the first semester of the year with a profit of 5.6 million Euros. Sales figures reached 988 million Euros and a 15% increase as compared to the first semester of the previous year.

About EROSKI

EROSKI is the first distribution group of the cooperative type in Spain and the second food distribution operator in the North, more specifically in the regions of Galicia, Asturias, Cantabria, Basque Country, La Rioja, Navarre, Aragon, Catalonia and the Balearic Islands. Its commercial network comprises 1,645 stores, including supermarkets, hypermarkets and cash & carry, as well as petrol stations, optical shops, travel agencies, sports shops and its online supermarket. It also has more than 6 million Customer Members and more than 32,000 cooperative members, workers and franchisees.

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