M-Score: Earning Quality or Manipulation

The M-Score was created by Professor Beneish and it is used to detect the risk of earnings manipulation. If the M-Score is less than -2.22, this suggests that the company is likely to manipulate earnings, contrary to a Score greater than -2.22, which indicates that the company is not manipulating earnings. Hugo Boss has a score of -2.80; hence it seems that the Group is not manipulating earnings.

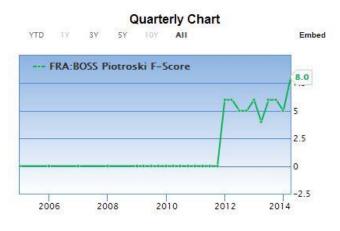
Figure 5: M-Score Hugo Boss



F-Score: Earnings Quality

The F-Score is based in the academic work of Joseph Piotroski. It is a nine-point scoring system, B to 9 scoring the indust and 0 to 1 being the lowest. He suggests that companies scoring the highest should be bought, whereas those scoring the lowest should be refrained from being bought. Hugo Boss has an F-Score of 8, which is a high score, indicating that the company's financial situation is healthy. The Groups lowest point in the past was 4.

Figure 6: F-Score Hugo Boss



Appendix 2

INCOME STATEMENT OF HUGO BOSS AG FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013 (in EUR thousand) 2012 2013 Notes-No. 1. Net sales (13) 1,067,262 1,093,400 2. Cost of Sales¹ (653,880) (681,790) (14) 3. Gross profit 413,382 411,610 (15) 4. Distribution expenses¹ (298.891) (283,825) General administrative expenses¹ (16) (101,328) (93,297) 6. Other operating income 126,332 (17)131.773 7. Other operating expenses¹ (18) (59,112) (61,674) 8. Operating result 85,824 99,146 9. Income from investments (19) 95,387 97,487 10. Other interests and similar income 2,424 (20)11. Income from profit transfer agreements 101,812 (5 4) 12. Losses from loss transfer agreements rom Notes 21 (22) age 17 of 1 0 (16,392) 13. Interests and similar expenses 14. Income from ordinary activities 271,826 336,573 15. Income taxes (60,960) (48,246) 16. Other taxes (98) (120)288,207 17. Net income 210,768 20,051 (72,553) 19. Accumulated income previous year 3,994 4,317 235,136 219,648

Appendix 3

HUGO BOSS has grown tremendously in recent years

