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Today, July 26, 2024, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, has published the following ad hoc news:

### **Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany: Strong 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, Guidance raised**

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Darmstadt, Germany, July 26, 2024 – Based on a very strong second quarter of 2024 with net sales of EUR 5.352 bn resulting in an EBITDA pre1 of EUR 1.509 bn and an EPS pre1 of EUR 2.20, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, (the "Company") has raised its guidance for the entire group for fiscal 2024. The main driver is a very strong operating performance of Healthcare and Electronics compared to consensus. The performance of Life Science is within expectations. The strong operating performance of Healthcare more than offset the provision equal to a mid-double-digit million euro amount associated with xevinapant. The Company now projects net sales of approx. EUR 20.7 - 22.1 bn (previously EUR 20.6 – 22.1 bn). EBITDA pre1 is anticipated to grow to approx. EUR 5.8 – 6.4 bn for the Group (previously "EUR 5.7 – 6.3 bn"). EPS pre1 is projected to amount to approx. EUR 8.20 – 9.30 (previously "EUR 8.05 – 9.10"). The Company will publish Q2 / 2024 figures as scheduled on 1 August 2024.

<sup>1</sup> EBITDA pre and EPS pre are alternative performance measures not defined by international accounting standards, used by the Company to improve the comparability of business performance over time and within the industry. EBITDA pre means earnings before interest, income tax, depreciation and amortization as well as adjustments (*Ergebnis vor Zinsen, Ertragsteuern, Abschreibungen und*



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*Anpassungen*). EPS pre means profit after tax including adjustments per theoretical shares outstanding (see Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, Annual Report 2023).

### **About Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany**

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, a leading science and technology company, operates across life science, healthcare and electronics. Around 63,000 employees work to make a positive difference to millions of people's lives every day by creating more joyful and sustainable ways to live. From providing products and services that accelerate drug development and manufacturing as well as discovering unique ways to treat the most challenging diseases to enabling the intelligence of devices – the company is everywhere. In 2023, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, generated sales of € 21 billion in 65 countries.

The company holds the global rights to the name and trademark "Merck" internationally. The only exceptions are the United States and Canada, where the business sectors of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, operate as MilliporeSigma in life science, EMD Serono in healthcare and EMD Electronics in electronics. Since its founding in 1668, scientific exploration and responsible entrepreneurship have been key to the company's technological and scientific advances. To this day, the founding family remains the majority owner of the publicly listed company.

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