

BRAZILIAN DISTRIBUTION CO COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTR CBD

Form 20-F/A

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

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**FORM 20-F/A**

**(Amendment No. 1)**

.. REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
OR  
x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017  
OR  
.. TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
OR  
.. SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**Commission File Number 1-14626**

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**COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTRIBUIÇÃO**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**BRAZILIAN DISTRIBUTION COMPANY**

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

**THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

| <b><u>Title of each class</u></b>  | <b><u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u></b> |
|--|---|
| Preferred Shares, without par value*   | New York Stock Exchange**                               |
| American Depositary Shares (as evidenced by American Depositary Receipts), each representing one Preferred Share | New York Stock Exchange                                 |

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\*The Preferred Shares are non-voting, except under limited circumstances.

\*\*Not for trading purposes, but only in connection with the listing on the New York Stock Exchange of American Depositary Shares representing those Preferred Shares.

**Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

None

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**Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:**

None

**Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the period covered by the annual report:**

99,679,851 Common Shares, no par value per share

166,899,579 Preferred Shares, no par value per share

**Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act**

Yes  No

**If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.**

Yes  No

**Note—Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from their obligations under those Sections.**

**Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.**

Yes  No

**Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).**

Yes  No

**Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):**

Large Accelerated Filer  Accelerated Filer  Non-accelerated Filer  Emerging growth company

**If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards<sup>†</sup> provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.**

<sup>†</sup> The term "new or revised financial accounting standard" refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to its Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

**Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:**

**U.S. GAAP**

**International Financial Reporting Standards as issued  
by the International Accounting Standards Board**

**X**

**If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow:**

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**If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).**

" Yes x No

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### Explanatory Note

This Amendment No. 1 to the Annual Report on Form 20-F of Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição (the “Company”) amends the Company’s Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2017 (the “Annual Report”), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 30, 2018. The Company is filing this Amendment No. 1 for the following reasons:

(i) To replace the report of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm, Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S.S., relating to their Opinion on the Financial Statements, on page F-1 of the Annual Report, to correct the date of the report and inadvertent typographical errors, with the report in Annex A hereto.

(ii) To replace the report of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm, Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S.S., relating to their Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, on pages F-2 to F-3 of the Annual Report, to correct the date of the report and inadvertent typographical errors, with the report in Annex B hereto.

(iii) To provide certain corrected figures presented in Item 3A. “Selected Financial Data,” as follows:

|   | <b>As of and for the Year Ended December 31,</b> |             |             |             |             |  |
|---|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
|   | <b>2013</b>                                      | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> | <b>2017</b>                                |
|   | <b>(R\$, except as indicated)</b>                |             |             |             |             | <b>(US\$,<br/>except as<br/>indicated)</b> |
| Average monthly net operating revenue per square meter <sup>(4)</sup> : |  |             |             |             |             |  |
| <i>Pão de Açúcar</i> .....  | 2,213  | 2,362       | 2,361       | 2,420       | 2,385       | 0,721                                      |
| <i>Extra Hiper</i> .....  | 1,353  | 1,341       | 1,325       | 1,362       | 1,412       | 0,427                                      |
| <i>Minimercado Extra and Minuto Pão de Açúcar</i> .....                 | 1,118  | 1,143       | 1,109       | 1,287       | 1,343       | 0,406                                      |
| <i>Extra Supermercado</i> .....   | 1,618  | 1,624       | 1,648       | 1,685       | 1,636       | 0,495                                      |
| <i>Assaí</i> .....  | 2,257  | 2,367       | 2,578       | 3,107       | 3,430       | 1,037                                      |

(4) Calculated using the average of square meters of selling area on the last day of each month in the period.

This Amendment No. 1 comprises a cover page, this explanatory note, the signature page and the required certifications of the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of the Company.

Other than as set forth above, this Amendment No. 1 does not, and does not purport to, amend any other information set forth in the Annual Report, and the Company has not updated disclosures included therein to reflect any events that occurred subsequent to April 27, 2018.

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## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of

### **Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição**

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2017, the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2017, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards - IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board - IASB.

We did not audit the financial statements of Via Varejo S.A., a Company's subsidiary, whose assets, liabilities and operations are presented as discontinued operations as of December 31, 2017. Via Varejo S.A. total assets constitute 48% of the Company's total consolidated assets as of December 31, 2017 and its net income constitute 44% of the Company's consolidated net income for the year ended December 31, 2017. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Via Varejo S.A., is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of



Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated April 27, 2018 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

## **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit and the report of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG

Auditores Independentes S.S.

We have served as the Company's auditor since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

São Paulo, Brazil

April 27, 2018

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## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of

### **Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição**

#### **Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

We have audited Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). In our opinion, Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição (the Company), based on our audit and the report of other auditors, maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on the COSO criteria.

We did not examine the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Via Varejo S.A., a Company's subsidiary, whose assets, liabilities and operations are presented as discontinued operations as of December 31, 2017. Via Varejo S.A. total assets constitute 48% of the Company's total consolidated assets as of December 31, 2017 and its net income constitute 44% of the Company's consolidated net income for the year ended December 31, 2017. The effectiveness of Via Varejo S.A.'s internal control over financial reporting was audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the effectiveness of Via Varejo S.A.'s internal control over financial reporting, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2017, the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes and our report dated April 27, 2018 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon, based on our audit

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and the report of the other auditors.

## **Basis for Opinion**

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit and the report of the other auditors provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## **Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG

Auditores Independentes S.S.

São Paulo, Brazil

April 27, 2018

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**ITEM 19. EXHIBITS**

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|-----------------------|---|
| <u>12.1</u>           | <u>Section 302 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer.*</u> |
| <u>12.2</u>           | <u>Section 302 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer.*</u> |

\* Filed herewith.

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## **SIGNATURES**

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this Annual Report on its behalf.

COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTRIBUIÇÃO

By:  /s/ Peter Paul Lourenço Estermann

Name: Peter Paul Lourenço Estermann

Title: Chief Executive Officer

By:  /s/ Christophe Hidalgo

Name: Christophe Hidalgo

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Dated: May 11, 2018