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2008 Preliminary Results

26th March 2009

Analyst Presentation

Overview

- Strong revenue growth from all regions except the USA
- Like-for-like revenue growth of 11%
- Good new business momentum
- Extended relationships with current clients

Overview (Cont)

- Operating margin increased to 13.2% (2007: 11.7%), but
 - Pressure on fees and media budgets and projects cancelled in the 4th quarter
 - Cost action being taken where appropriate
- Loss making offices in Singapore and Thailand closed

Headline results

	Growth %	2008 £000's	2007 £000's
Revenue	19%	104,383	87,620
Operating profit	34%	13,739	10,222
Profit before tax	18%	14,095	11,926
Profit after tax	17%	9,592	8,214
Minority Interest	-51%	(568)	(1,168)
Profit for period	28%	9,024	7,046
Basic EPS	20%	15.05p	12.55p

Key Ratios

	2008	2007
Revenue Growth	19.1%	7.7%
Operating Margin	13.2%	11.7%
PBT Margin	13.5%	13.6%
Effective Tax Rate	31.8%	32.0%
Minority Interest: PAT	5.9%	14.2%
Basic E.P.S	15.05p	12.55p
Diluted E.P.S	14.68p	12.09p

The Headline P&L

	2008 2007		Inc/Dec		
	£000's	£000's	£000's	%	
Revenue (gross profit)	104,383	87,620	16,763	19.1%	
Operating Expenses	90,417	76,499	13,918	18.2%	
LTIP Expense	227	899	(672)	****	
Operating profit	13,739	10,222	3,517	34.4%	
Share of Associate	(81)	334	(415)	***	
Net Interest	437	1,370	(933)	-68.1%	
Profit Before Tax (ex notional interest)	14,095	11,926	2,169	18.2%	
Tax Rate	31.8%	32.0%			
Profit After Tax	9,592	8,214	1,378	16.8%	
Minority Interest	(568)	(1,168)	600	-51.4%	
Profit for Period	9,024	7,046	1,978	28.1%	
Headline EPS	15.05p	12.55p	2.50p	19.9%	

Revenue

	2008	2007	08 V	's 07
	£000's	£000's	Reported Rates %	Constant Rates %
UK	52,355	48,284	8.4%	8.4%
Asia & Australia	28,951	23,258	24.5%	14.1%
America	3,202	3,471	-7.7%	-14.6%
Europe	8,727	5,487	59.0%	37.0%
Organic total	93,235	80,500	15.8%	11.0%
Clear (group)	10,422	5,454	-	-
Discontinued operations	728	1,666	-56.3%	-61.5%
Group Total	104,385	87,620	19.1%	14.3% 7

Top 10 Clients

ANZ

Barclays

COI

DSGI

GlaxoSmithKline

NatWest

Optus

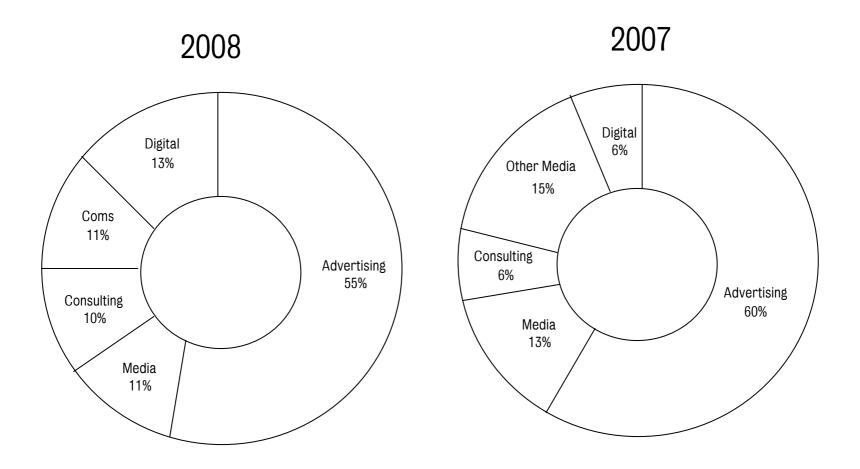
Pernod Ricard

Qantas

Woolworths (Aus)

Top 5 21% Top 15 41% Top 10 33% Top 20 45%

Revenue by Business



Headline Operating Profit

		Operating	g Profit		Operating	g Margin_
	2008	2007	08 v's	07	2008	08 v's 07
Hardankia v Ovanskia v Dvalik	£000's	£000's	£000's	%	%	%
Underlying Operating Profit						
UK	11,370	10,943	427	4%	21.1%	-2.2 pts
Clear	1,905	1,625	280	17%	18.3%	-11.5 pts
Asia Pacific - Continuing operations	2,710	1,673	1,037	62%	9.4%	4.6 pts
- offices closed	(277)	(503)	226	-45%	-	*** pts
USA	296	481	(185)	-38%	9.2%	-3.6 pts
Europe	1,305	683	622	91%	15.0%	2.5 pts
Total Operating Companies	17,309	14,902	2,407	16%	16.6%	pts
Group Costs	(3,343)	(3,781)	438	-12%	-3.2%	1.1 pts
LTIP	(227)	(899)	672	-75%	-0.2%	0.8 pts
Headline Operating Profit	13,739	10,222	3,517	34%	13.2%	1.5 pts

The UK

- Good year for the media and content businesses
- Organic revenue growth of 8.4%
- Operating margin down to 21%
 (2007: 23%) following pressure in the 4th quarter
- Difficult second half for Clear as clients cut spend on long term marketing investment.
 - Cost action taken in the 4th quarter, head count reduced by 25%
 - Improved trading during 1st quarter 2009

The UK (Cont)

- Significant wins
 - Department of Health Change4Life
 - East Midland Trains
 - Hyundai (Pan Europe)
 - BMI

The UK

Summary Profit & Loss

	2008	2007	08 V	's 07
	£000's	£000's	£000's	%
Revenue	62,777	53,738	9,039	16.8%
Underlying operating profit	13,275	12,568	707	5.6%
Group costs	(3,322)	(3,781)	459	-12.1%
Recharged	293	569	(276)	-48.5%
LTIP	(171)	(703)	532	-75.7%
Reported operating profit	10,075	8,653	1,422	16.4%
Associate	0	25	(25)	***
Net interest	529	1,445	(916)	-63.4%
Profit before tax	10,604	10,123	481	4.8%
Underlying margin	21.1%	23.4%		-2.2 PTS
Reported margin	16.0%	16.1%		-0.1 pts

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Summary Profit & Loss

	2008	2007	08 V's	s 07	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	%	_
Revenue	10,422	5,454	4,968	-	
Underlying operating profit	1,905	1,625	280	-	
Recharged	0	0	0	_	
LTIP	0	0	0	-	
Reported operating profit	1,905	1,625	280	-	_
Associate	0	0	0	-	
Net interest	21	0	21	-	
Profit before tax	1,926	1,625	301	-	<u>-</u> -
Underlying margin	18.3%	29.8%		-	PTS
Reported margin	18.3%	29.8%		-	PTS

Europe

France - Strong and growing despite slow new business environment.

Like-for-like revenue growth of 45%.

Growth driven by extending relationships with existing clients.

Successful launch of digital offering.

Corporate PR business working with key French companies

Germany - Solid

Like-for-like revenue growth of 9%

Good relationships with clients

Working to extend offering to digital and direct

Spain – Difficult

Collapse of property and finance companies has impact on current clients.

New business environment difficult and very price competitive.

Further investment cancelled for time being. Will revisit in the future.

Europe

Summary Profit & Loss

	2008	2008 2007 08	08 V	V's 07	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	%	
Revenue	8,727	5,487	3,240	59.0%	
			0		
Underlying operating profit	1,305	683	622	91.1%	
Group Recharge	(37)	(79)	42	-53.2%	
LTIP	0	0	0	0.0%	
Reported operating profit	1,268	604	664	109.9%	
Associate	(81)	309	(390)	***	
Net interest	(213)	(90)	(123)	***	
Profit before tax	974	823	151	18.3%	
Underlying margin	15.0%	12.4%		2.5 PTS	
Reported margin	14.5%	11.0%		3.5 PTS	

Asia and Australia

- Better performance from region
- Like-for-like revenue growth of 14%
- Margin improving to 8.2% (2007 : 4.7%)
- Growth driven by account wins in 2nd half 2007 (Westfield) and from existing clients
- Australia, Malaysia and Hong Kong all showing +10% revenue growth
- Singapore and Thailand closed
- Looking for growth opportunities in important region

Asia & Australia

Summary Profit & Loss 12 months to December 2008

	2008	2007	08 V	/'s 07
	£000's	£000's	£000's	%
Revenue	29,677	24,663	5,014	20.3%
			0	
Underlying operating profit	2,433	1,170	1,263	107.9%
Group Recharge	(273)	(439)	166	-37.8%
LTIP	(56)	(181)	125	-69.1%
Reported operating profit	2,104	550	1,554	***
Associate	0	0	0	***
Net interest	119	10	109	1090.0%
Profit before tax	2,223	560	1,663	***
Underlying margin	8.2%	4.7%		3.5 PTS
Reported margin	7.1%	2.2%		4.9 PTS

USA

- Very difficult environment
- Like-for-like revenue down 15%
- Spending cut backs across clients
- Clients loyal to Agency during 2008 but we anticipate fall out this year
- Exploring opportunities to build critical mass and improve stability of revenue
- 2009 will be a difficult year

America

Summary Profit & Loss

	2008	2007	08 V	's 07
	£000's	£000's	£000's	%
Revenue	3,202	3,732	(530)	-14.2%
Clear			0	
Underlying operating profit	296	481	(185)	-38.5%
Group Recharge	(4)	(51)	47	-92.2%
LTIP	0	(15)	15	-100.0%
Reported operating profit	292	415	(123)	-29.6%
Associate	0	0	0	***
Net interest	2	2	0	0.0%
Profit before tax	294	417	(123)	-29.5%
Underlying margin	9.2%	12.9%		-3.6 PTS
Reported margin	9.1%	11.1%		-2.0 PTS

Cash

		£000's	
Opening balance @ 1st January 2008			16,895
Effect of exchange revaluation			1,162
Operating Profit	13,739		
Net Interest Earned	436		
Tax paid in period	(3,592)		
Depreciation	1,859		
Capital Expenditure - cash & lease payments	(1,712)		
Free cash flow before working capital		10,730	
Impact of Working Capital movements		(548)	
Dividends paid (ordinary & MI)		(2,729)	
Net Cash inflow before acquisitions	_		7,453
Acquisitions			(14,156)
Reduction to Bank Loans			(2,083)
Closing Balance @ 31st December 2008		-	9,271

Cash & Working Capital

31st December 2007
Exchange
2008 movements
Free cash Working capital Dividends
Acquistions
31st December 2008
Bank Loans
31st December 2008

С	Cash Position								
Advance Payments	M&C Saatchi free cash	Total Cash							
16.9	(0.0)	16.9 1.2							
(7.9)	10.7 7.7 (2.7)	10.7 (0.2) (2.7)							
9.0	1.5	11.7							
	(2.1)	(2.1)							
9.0	(0.6)	9.6							

Advance Payments	Underlying position	Net Working Capital
(16.9)	4.3	(12.6)
7.9	(8.2)	(0.3)
(9.0)	(3.9)	(12.9)

Balance sheet

31st December

	2008 £000's	2007 £000's
Non Current Assets	65,988	71,483
Net Debtors Net Creditors	61,491 (74,066)	75,437 (87,992)
Net Working Capital Position - Exc Cash	(12,575)	(12,555)
Net Tax	(2,381)	(1,091)
Cash	9,271	16,895
Net Current Assets	(5,685)	3,249
Bank Loan	(6,702)	(8,531)
Deferred Consideration	(116)	(18,136)
Provision for minority put options	(3,697)	(10,545)
Non Current liabilites	(965)	(1,622)
Net assets	48,823	35,898

Acquisitions

Entity	Play	Walker	Walker	Zapping	Clear	IS	F5	Total
		Media	Media	Media				
Aquired in:	May 2008	April 2008	July 2007	July 2007	July 2007	Sept 2008	Jan 2008	
% Aquired	30%	5.5%	19.5%	25%		11.2%	82.0%	
% Now held	80%	100%	100%			97.2%		

Initial Consideration	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash paid	43	3,854					55	3,952
Shares issued		945				531		945
Total	43	4,799	0	0	0	531	55	4,897

Deferred Consideration	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash paid			5,369	2,376	2,405			10,150
Shares issued					469			469
Fair value provision			(242)	(160)	8,088		(116)	7,570
Fair value adjustment - notinal i	nterest				(169)			(169)
Balance at 30th June			0	0	0	0	116	116

Total Cash Paid								£'000
Cash Paid Less cash Aquired	43	3,854	5,369	2,376	2,405		55	14,102
Direct cost		35				3	16	54
TOTAL	43	3,889	5,369	2,376	2,405	3	71	14,156

Dividend

			2008	200	7
	Pence		£000's	Pence	£000's
Profit for Period			9,024		7,046
Interim Dividend	0.87	р	529	0.87 p	513
Final Dividend	2.75	р	1,672	2.75 p	1,658
Total Dividend	3.62	p _	2,201	3.62 p	2,171
Dividend cover			4.10		3.2

Outlook

- Medium term visibility is murky
- Conditions are difficult in all our markets
- Challenging year particularly in media and consultancy
- We expect pressure on fees
 BUT ...

Outlook (Cont)

- Good new business wins in 1st quarter
- Balance sheet is in good health
- Strong cash flows
- We will continue to invest in new businesses
 So,
- Despite the economic gloom, we have great confidence in the organisation, the stragegy and overriding philosophy of brutal simplicity

Appendix

- 1. Minority Interest
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3. Clear Reconciliation

Minority Interest

		rity Interest Charge £000's	MI %	Put Option Date	
Walker Media	100	780	25.0	Open	
Talk PR/Immediate sales	140	219	14.0	Open	
Malaysia	113	58	20.0	Open	
Los Angeles	32	70	16.0	Open	
Germany	56	35	24.0	2011	
France	127	0	20/40		
Group Total	568	1,162			

The Headline P&L

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<u>Headline</u>		
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Less		
Amortisation of intangable assets - group companies	2,973	608
Amortisation of intangable assets - associates	2,400	53
Revaluation of minority put option liabilites	(1,940)	3,052
Notional Interest on Deferred consideration	169	257
Deferred tax on Amortisation of intangibles	(599)	(182)
Reported		
Profit Before Tax	10,493	7,956
Profit After Tax	6,589	4,426
Profit for Period	6,021	3,258
Basic EPS	10.04p	5.80p 30

Clear

Reconciliation of segmental reporting

	UK			Α	merica		Europe		
	Reported	Clear	Total	Reported	Clear	Total	Reported	Clear	Total
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Revenue	60,349	2,428	62,777	4,028	(826)	3,202	10,329	(1,602)	8,727
Operating profit	9,978	97	10,075	295	(3)	292	1,362	(94)	1,268
Profit before tax	6,306	99	6,405	252	(3)	249	449	(96)	353