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Q4 & FY 2006 Results

Zürich, March 02, 2007

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### Today's agenda

**Operational review** 

**Financial review** 

Outlook

Dieter Scheiff Dominik de Daniel Dieter Scheiff



#### **Operational review** Dieter Scheiff, Group CEO



### Q4 2006 results summary

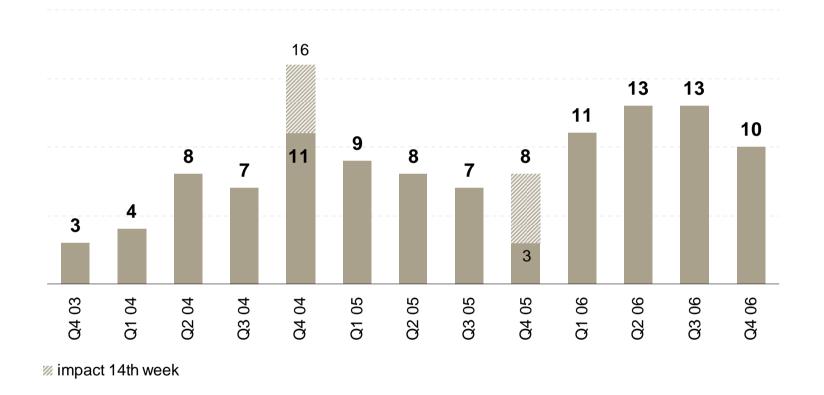
	EUR millions	in percent of revenues	Variance (06 vs 05) in percent	
Revenues	5,278		8	<ul> <li>Reported</li> <li>Organic**</li> </ul>
Gross profit	932	17.7	8	
SG&A Amortisation*	706 4	13.4	4 3	
Operating income*	222	4.2		36 32
Net income	212	4.0	23	

\* Amortisation of intangibles of EUR 4 million for Q4 2006 compares to EUR 1 million in Q4 2005.
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### Group revenue growth

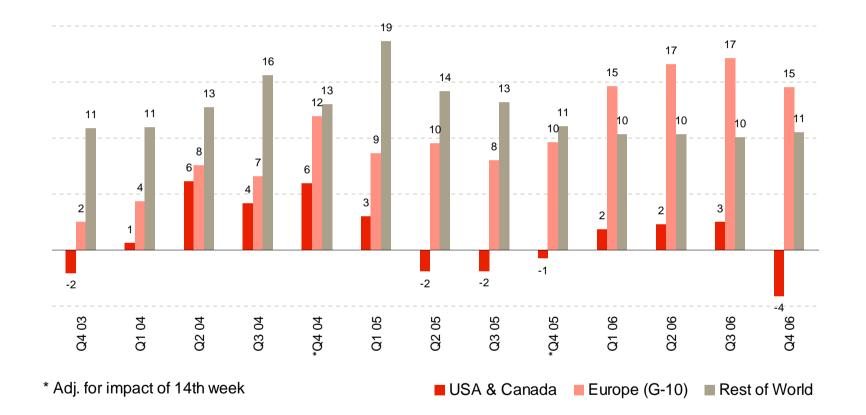
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#### **Regions revenue growth**

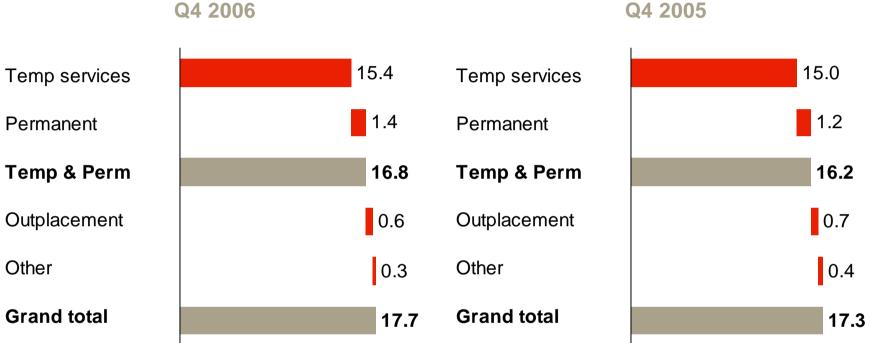
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# **Gross margin drivers**

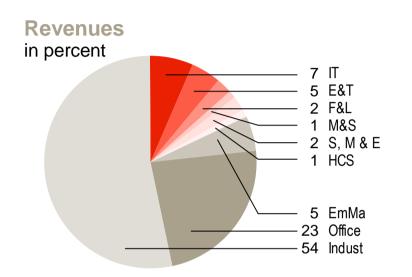
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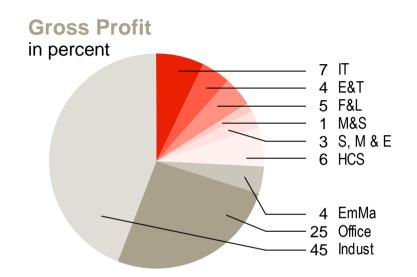


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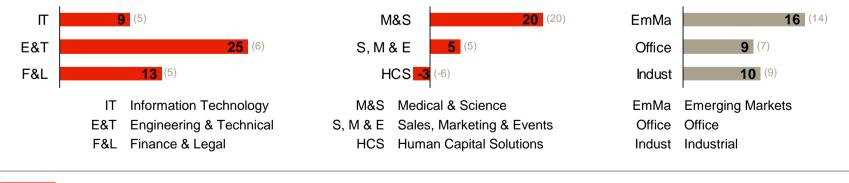
#### **Q4 2006 business lines** Based on dedicated branches





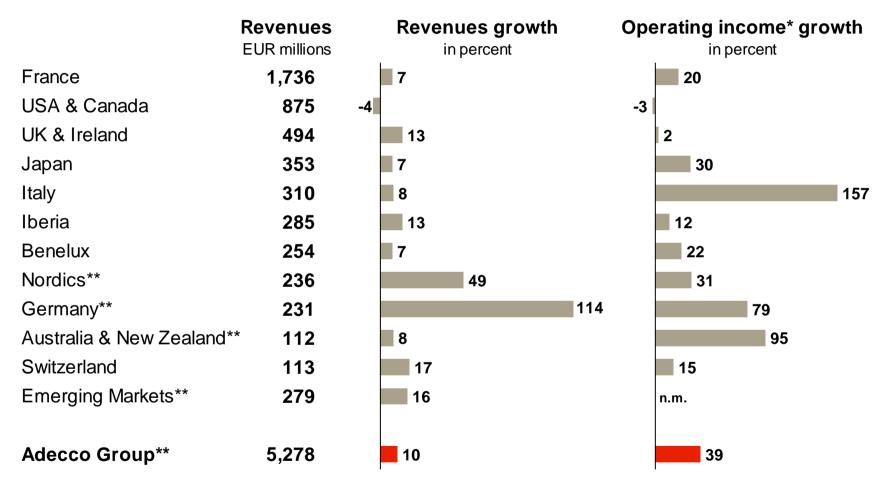
#### **Revenues**

constant currency year-on-year growth in percent (organic growth)





#### **Revenues and operating income growth in geographies** Q4 2006 vs Q4 2005 in constant currencies



\* Contribution (Operating income before amortisation) on operating unit level

\*\* In Q4 2006 revenues increased organically in Nordics by 41%; Germany by 20%: Australia & NZ by 2%; EM by 14% and Adecco Group by 8%.

### **France** Financial performance since the beginning of the year

	Q1 2006	Q2 2006	Q3 2006	Q4 2006*
Sales growth	3%	8%	10%	7%
Adjusted for business days	2%	10%	9%	7%
Gross margin $\Delta$	-20 bps	-60 bps	-30 bps	-10 bps
SG&A % $\Delta$	30 bps	-30 bps	-30 bps	-30 bps
Operating margin $\Delta$	-50 bps	-30 bps	-0 bps	+20 bps

#### France since the beginning of the year (organically)

#### Situation at the beginning of the year

- below market growth ▶ recovered
- gross margin deterioration ► recovering
- costs growing faster than sales ► operating leverage

\* adj. for  $\Delta$  in estimates of payroll provisions



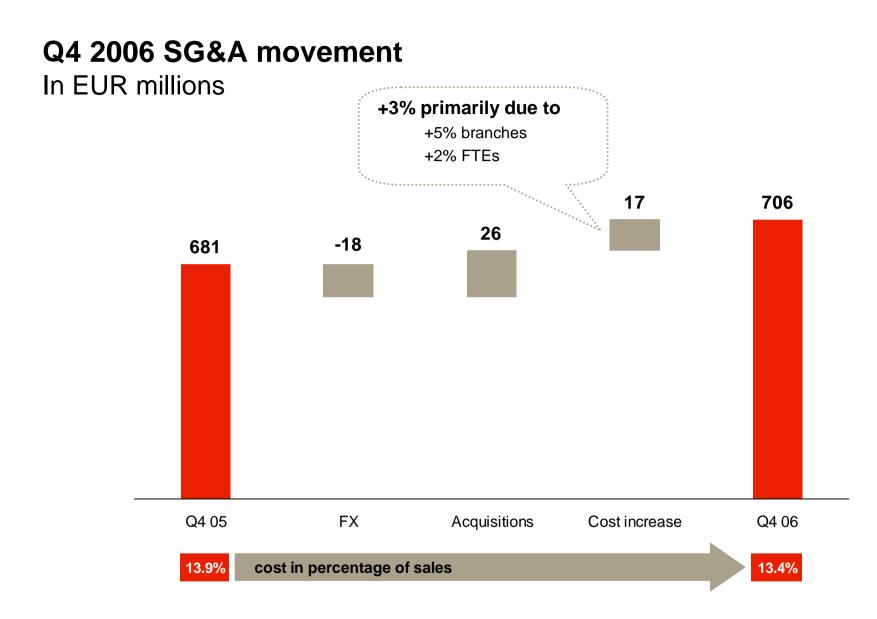
### **Financial review** Dominik de Daniel, Group CFO



#### **Results in detail** In EUR millions

	Q4 2006	Q4 2005	Varia	ance %	FY 2006	FY 2005	Variance %	
		-84	EUR	Constant			EUR	Constant
Revenues	5,278	4,893	8%	10%	20,417	18,303	12%	12%
Direct costs of services	(4,346)	(4,047)			(16,871)	(15,217)		
Gross profit	932	846	10%	13%	3,546	3,086	15%	15%
Gross margin	17.7%	17.3%			17.4%	16.9%		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(706)	(681)	4%	7%	(2,718)	(2,469)	10%	10%
As a percentage of revenues	13.4%	13.9%			13.3%	13.5%		
Amortisation of intangible assets	(4)	(1)			(12)	(3)		
Operating income	222	164	36%	39%	816	614	33%	34%
Operating income margin	4.2%	3.3%			4.0%	3.4%		
Interest expense	(13)	(12)			(51)	(52)		
Other income/(expenses), net	8	45			20	43		
Income before income taxes and minority interests	217	197	10%		785	605	30%	
Provision for income taxes	(3)	(25)			(168)	(150)		
Income applicable to minority interests	(2)	(1)			(6)	(2)		
Net income	212	171	23%		611	453	35%	
Net income margin	4.0%	3.5%			3.0%	2.5%		







# Balance sheets In EUR millions

	Dec 31, 2006	Dec 31, 2005
Assets		
Cash and short-term investments	888	848
Trade accounts receivable, net	3,846	3,659
Other current assets	311	298
Property, equipment, and leasehold improvements, net	229	240
Other assets	357	312
Goodwill and intangibles, net	2,051	1,482
Total assets	7,682	6,839
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,544	3,287
Short- and long-term debt	1,444	1,272
Other liabilities	187	143
Minority interests	41	20
Shareholders' equity	2,466	2,117
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	7,682	6,839
Net Debt*	556	424

\* Net debt is a non-US GAAP measure and comprises short-term and long-term debt less cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments.



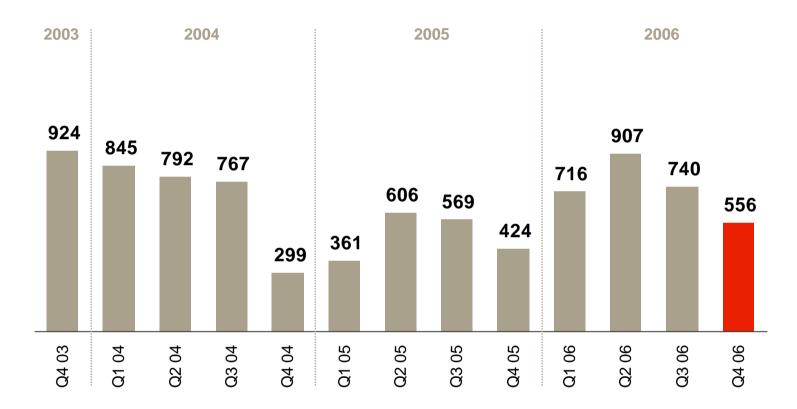
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#### **Cash-flow statements** In EUR millions

	2006 FY	2005 FY
Consolidated statements of cash flows		
Net income	611	453
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flows from operating activities:		
- Depreciation and amortisation	106	109
- Other charges	(30)	21
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:		
- Trade accounts receivable	(209)	(357)
<ul> <li>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</li> </ul>	266	80
- Other assets and liabilities	3	(8)
Cash flows from operating activities		298
Cash flows from/(used in) investing activities		(241)
Cash flows from/(used in) financing activities		(478)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(19)	10
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(411)



#### Financial strength - net debt development since Q4 2003 Net debt in EUR millions\*

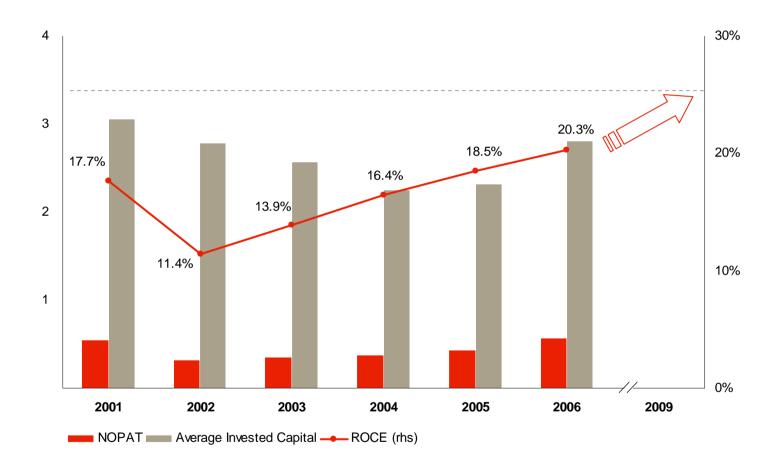


Includes off balance sheet debt (In EUR: 2003 Q4 36m; 2004 Q1 37m; from Q2 2004 to Q1 2005 there is no off balance sheet debt due to cancellation of the external financing of the securitisation agreement; Q2 2005 14m; Q3 2005 1m - both relating to Humangroup sale of receivables). From Q4 2005 through Q4 2006 there is no off balance sheet debt.



#### **Return on capital employed**

ROCE<sup>1</sup> in % and NOPAT and invested capital in EUR billions



<sup>1</sup>ROCE = NOPAT / Average Invested Capital = Operating profit – (30% income tax) / average invested capital Invested Capital = Asset – liabilities excluding cash and interest bearing liabilities 2001 NOPAT and average invested capital adjusted for goodwill amortization.



### Outlook Dieter Scheiff, Group CEO



# **Our vision**



# 'better work, better life'

It's our promise to help our associates get more out of work and life by developing their skills and their careers.

In turn, we are more valued by our talented and motivated associates, whom we place in exciting assignments to deliver high quality of service to our clients.



#### Our strategic pillars are in place





### Two approaches

	general skilled	professional skilled
expertise	Selling a 'commodity' through specialized solutions	Experts talk to experts
continuous <b>relationships</b>	Attract and retain those motivated to work Provide serial assignments Client-driven training	Attract and retain professionals Provide challenging serial projects Enhance their skills through continuous learning
	'expert' solutions, maintaining cost leadership	'expert' quality, delivering higher gross margins



#### **Targets**

	Until 2009 in percent
Revenue growth	7 - 9 p.a.
EBITA margin	> 5
ROCE	> 25

ROCE: (Operating profit – 30% income tax) / average invested capital Invested capital = Assets – liabilities, excluding cash and interest-bearing liabilities



#### Thank you Question and answer session

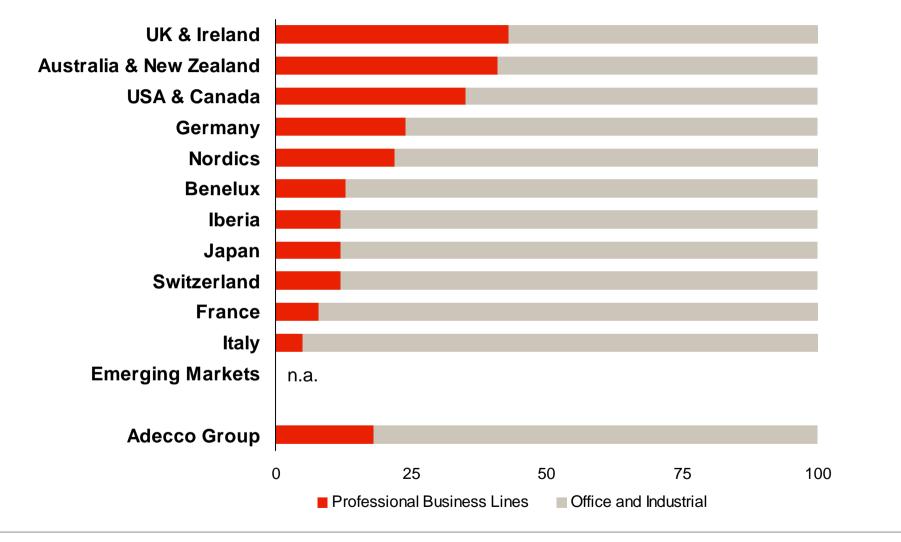


# Appendix



# **Revenues - Office and Industrial vs. Professional business lines**

In percent, based on dedicated branches in Q4 2006



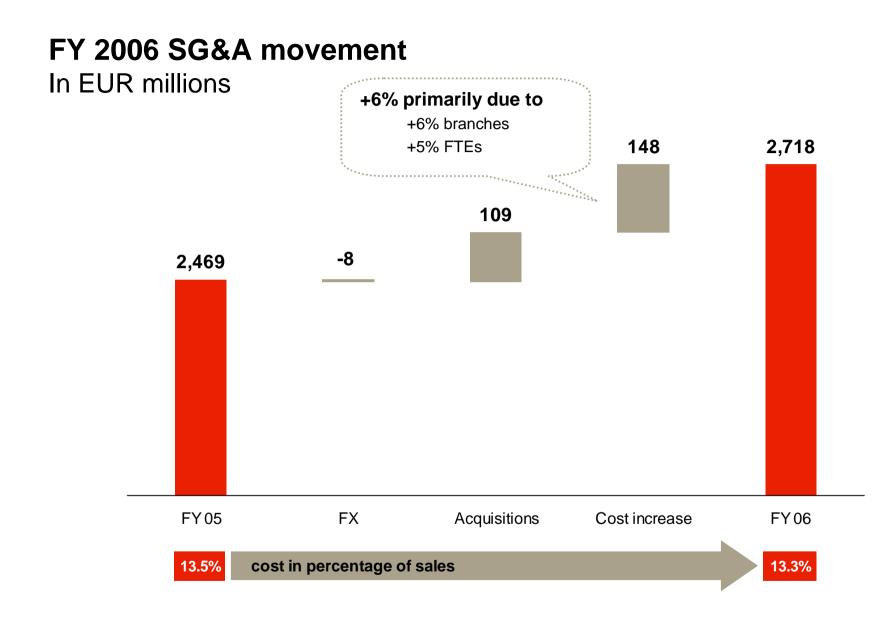


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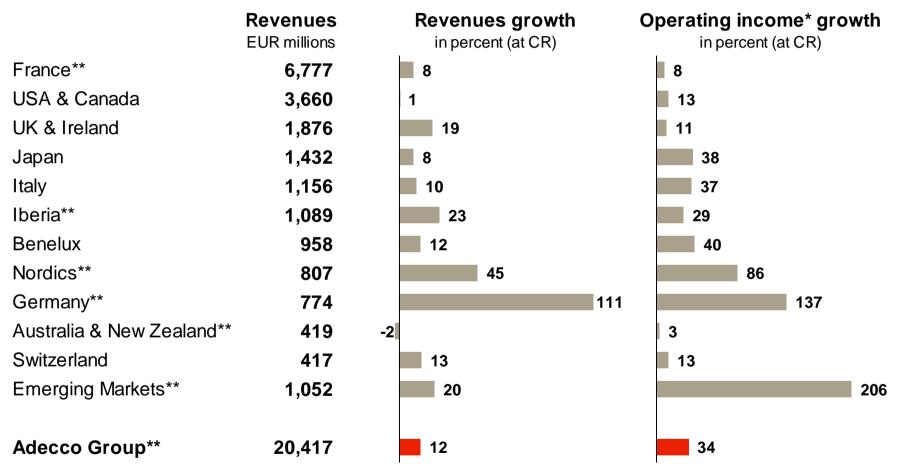
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