

### Q2 2010 Results

Adecco Group

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### Today's agenda

**Operational review** 

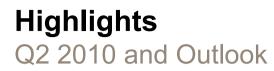
**Financial review** 

Strategy & Outlook



**Operational review** Patrick De Maeseneire, Group CEO





Revenues up 29% or 13% organically to EUR 4.6 billion

Gross margin of 17.8% equal to Q2 2009 and -110 bps organically and adjusted

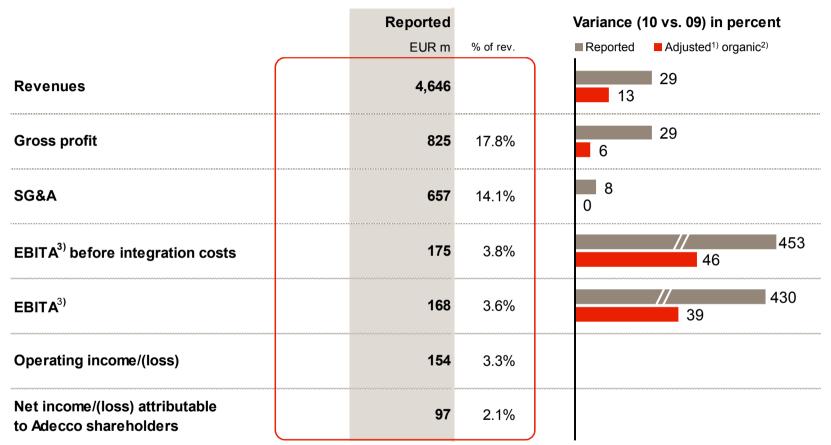
EBITA before integration costs of EUR 175 million, up 46% organically and adjusted

Revenue growth in June +16% adjusted for business days and organically

Revenue growth in July developed in line with June



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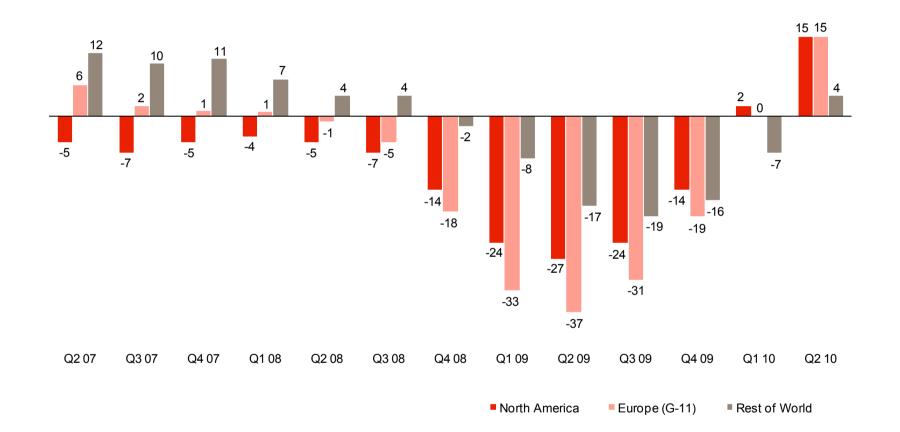
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### **Revenue development by region**

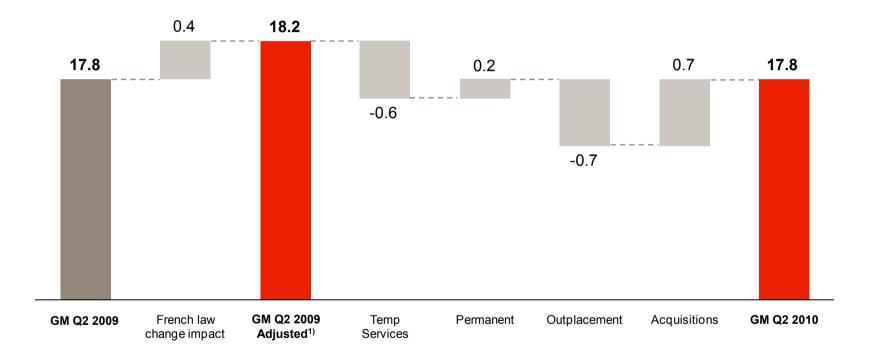
Organic year-on-year change in percent





# Q2 2010 gross margin drivers

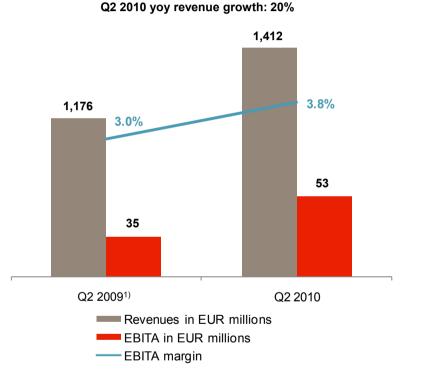
In percent of revenues



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# France 30% of group revenues in Q2 2010



Strong revenue growth of 20% (6% in Q1 10), mainly driven by automotive, chemicals and manufacturing

Pricing stabilised sequentially

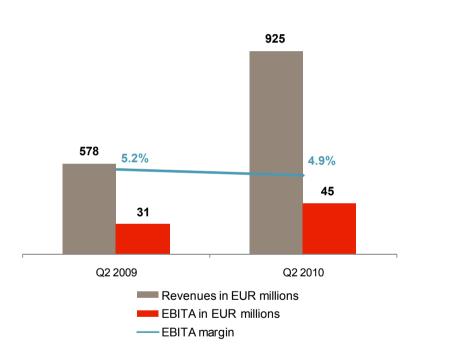
Revenue growth in June +23%, adjusted for business days

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### North America 20% of group revenues in Q2 2010

Q2 2010 yoy organic revenue growth: 15%



Revenues up 51% in constant currency (24% in Q1 10), driven by automotive, consumer goods, technology and acquisitions

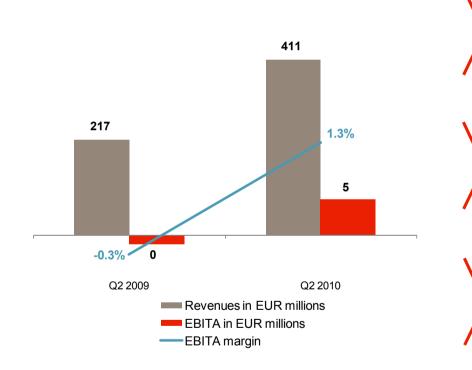
Excluding the declining outplacement business, revenues were up 21% organically in Q2 (7% in Q1 10) and up 25% adjusted for business days in June

Integration costs related to MPS amounted to EUR 3 million in Q2 10



## UK & Ireland 9% of group revenues in Q2 2010

Q2 2010 yoy organic revenue growth: -3%



Revenues up 84% in constant currency and down 3% organically (-9% in Q1 10); improving trends in financials, healthcare and automotive

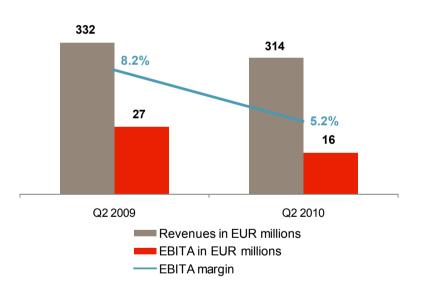
Improved profitability of 1.3% (0.5% in Q1 10) despite EUR 4 million integration costs

Permanent placement revenues +37% organically



### Japan 7% of group revenues in Q2 2010

Q2 2010 yoy constant currency revenue growth: -14%



Revenues down 14% in constant currency (-24% in Q1 10)

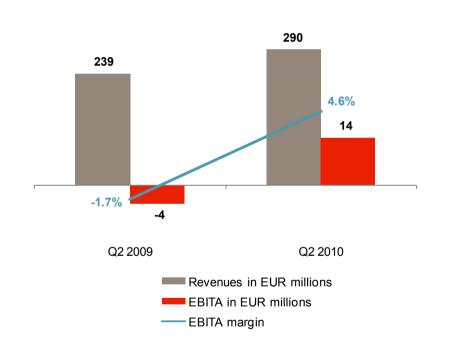
Demand remained stable sequentially; no signs of a material pick-up yet

Solid profitability thanks to tight cost control



### **Germany & Austria** 6% of group revenues in Q2 2010

Q2 2010 yoy organic revenue growth: 20%



Revenues organically up 20% (-4% in Q1 10), driven by automotive and industrials

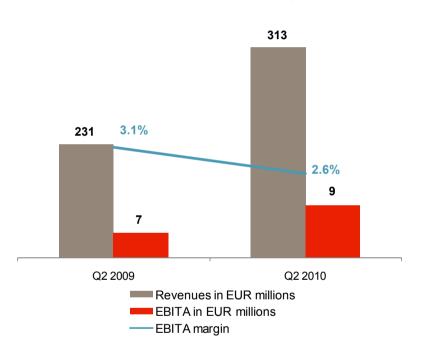
The later-cyclical Professional Staffing brand DIS returned to positive revenue growth in Germany in Q2 10

Significantly improved profitability



### Emerging Markets 7% of group revenues in Q2 2010

Q2 2010 yoy constant currency revenue growth: 27%



Revenues up 27% in constant currency, following +19% in Q1 10

Good sales momentum driven by growth in South America, Eastern Europe and India

Continued investments given vast growth potential



### **Revenue development by business lines**

Q2 2010 vs. Q2 2009

	Revenues <sup>1)</sup> EUR m	Revenue growth in %, organically
Office Industrial	912 2,223	-2 24
<ul> <li>Information Technology</li> <li>Engineering &amp; Technical</li> <li>Finance &amp; Legal</li> <li>Medical &amp; Science</li> <li>Sales, Marketing &amp; Events</li> <li>Human Capital Solutions</li> </ul>	520 244 183 91 90 70	-28 0 20 8% 6% 43% 43% 20%
Emerging Markets	313	27
Adecco Group	4,646	13

1) Breakdown of revenues is based on dedicated branches. The 2010 information includes certain changes in the allocation of branches to business lines. The 2009 information has been restated to conform to the current year presentation.



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



# Q2 2010 Results in detail – P&L

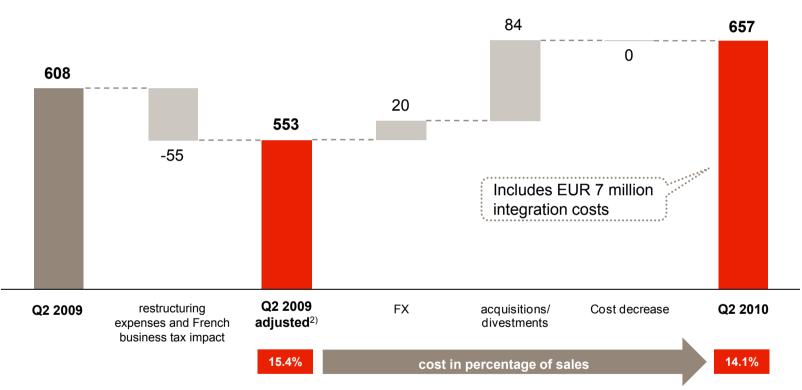
### In EUR millions

	Q2 2010	2 2010 Q2 2009	Varia	riance % Constant Currency	H1 2010	H1 2009	Variance %	
			EUR				EUR	Constant Currency
Revenues	4,646	3,591	29%	25%	8,608	7,294	18%	16%
Direct costs of services	(3,821)	(2,951)			(7,071)	(5,968)		
Gross profit	825	640	29%	24%	1,537	1,326	16%	14%
Gross margin	17.8%	17.8%			17.9%	18.2%		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(657)	(608)	8%	5%	(1,256)	(1,251)	0%	-1%
As a percentage of revenues	14.1%	16.9%			14.6%	17.2%		
EBITA <sup>1)</sup>	168	32	430%	366%	281	75	276%	269%
EBITA <sup>1)</sup> margin	3.6%	0.9%			3.3%	1.0%		
Amortisation of intangible assets	(14)	(13)			(27)	(26)		
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets		(192)				(192)		
Operating income/(loss)	154	(173)	n.m.	n.m.	254	(143)	n.m.	n.m.
Operating income/(loss) margin	3.3%	-4.8%			3.0%	-2.0%		
Interest expense	(16)	(15)			(31)	(24)		
Other income / (expenses), net	2	1			1	4		
Income/(loss) before income taxes	140	(187)	n.m.		224	(163)	n.m.	
Provision for income taxes	(43)	40			(70)	39		
Net income/(loss)	97	(147)	n.m.		154	(124)	n.m.	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests								
Net income/(loss) attributable to Adecco shareholders	97	(147)	n.m.		154	(124)	n.m.	
Net income/(loss) margin attributable to Adecco shareholders	2.1%	-4.1%			1.8%	-1.7%		

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# Q2 2010 SG&A movements

In EUR millions



#### 1) Organically

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### Balance sheet In EUR millions

Assets	Jun 30 2010	Dec 31 2009
Cash and cash equivalents	433	1,458
Short-term Investments	5	2
Trade accounts receivable, net	3,402	2,560
Other current assets	398	331
Property, equipment, and leasehold improvements, net	281	245
Other assets	314	276
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	3,999	2,959
Total assets	8,832	7,831
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,291	2,716
Short- and long-term debt	1,507	1,570
Other liabilities	613	431
Total Adecco shareholders' equity	3,419	3,112
Noncontrolling interests	2	2
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Net Debt*	1,069	110

\* 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.



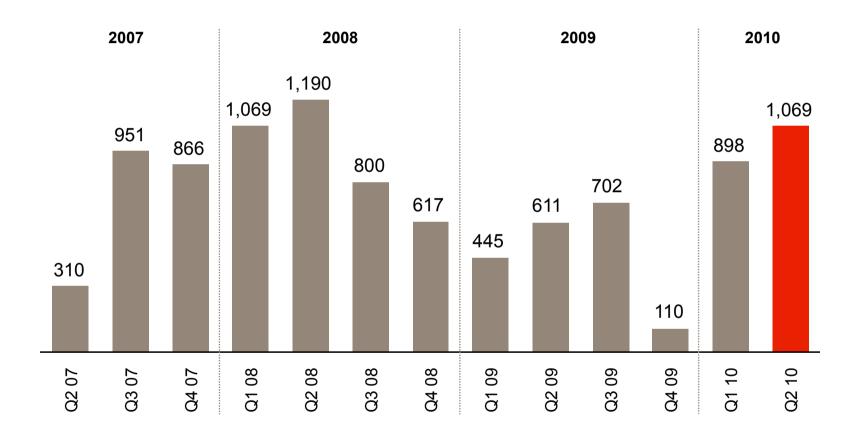
### Cash-flow statement In EUR millions

	Q2		H1	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net income/(loss)	97	(147)	154	(124)
Adjustments to reconcile net income/(loss) to cash flows from operating activities:				
- Depreciation and amortisation	35	34	68	67
<ul> <li>Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets</li> </ul>		192		192
– Other charges	20	(15)	23	(27)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:				
- Trade accounts receivable	(364)	53	(466)	584
<ul> <li>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</li> </ul>	132	(13)	210	(422)
<ul> <li>Other assets and liabilities</li> </ul>	44	(27)	41	12
Cash flows from operating activities	(36)	77	30	282
Cash flows from/(used in) investing activities	(29)	(64)	(874)	(99)
Cash flows from/(used in) financing activities	(163)	183	(222)	158
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	19	(6)	41	7
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(209)	190	(1,025)	348



# Net debt\* development since Q2 2007

In EUR millions



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# Integration update

Spring Group & MPS Group

The integration of both Spring and MPS is well on track

On MPS: decisions on lead brands have been made and communicated

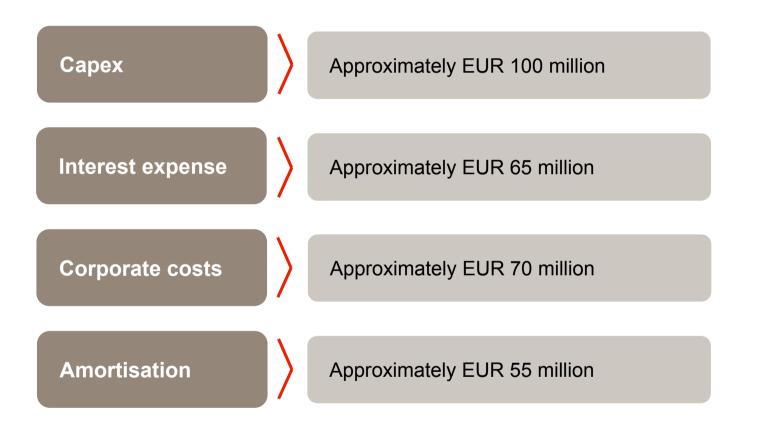
> On Spring: front-office systems in professional staffing integrated, back-offices by year-end

Integration costs/synergies for both Spring and MPS on schedule as planned



# **Financial Guidance**

Full year 2010



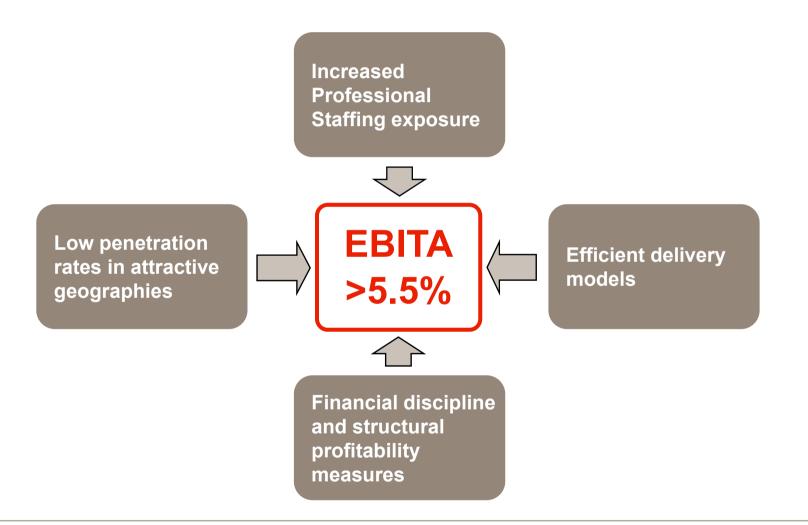


**Strategy & Outlook** Patrick De Maeseneire, Group CEO



# We strive to reach an EBITA margin above 5.5%

In the mid-term





# Thank you



# Appendix



# **Revenues and EBITA by geography**

Q2 2010 vs. Q2 2009

		Revenues		EBITA <sup>2)</sup>	
		EUR m	organic <sup>1)</sup> yoy growth	EUR m	margin
	30% France	1,412	20%	53	3.8%
Revenues in percent	20% 📕 North America	925	15%	45	4.9%
	9% 📕 UK & Ireland	411	-3%	5	1.3%
	7% 📕 Japan	314	-14%	16	5.2%
	6% 💻 Germany & Austria	290	20%	14	4.6%
	5% 📕 Benelux	215	8%	4	1.9%
	4% 💻 Italy	210	25%	11	5.4%
	4% 📃 Iberia	177	11%	6	3.6%
	4%  Nordics	181	14%	10	5.5%
	2% 📕 Australia & New Zealand	105	13%	2	2.3%
	2% Switzerland	93	4%	9	9.0%
	7% Emerging Markets	313	27%	9	2.6%
	Corporate			-16	
	Adecco Group	4,646	13%	168	3.6%

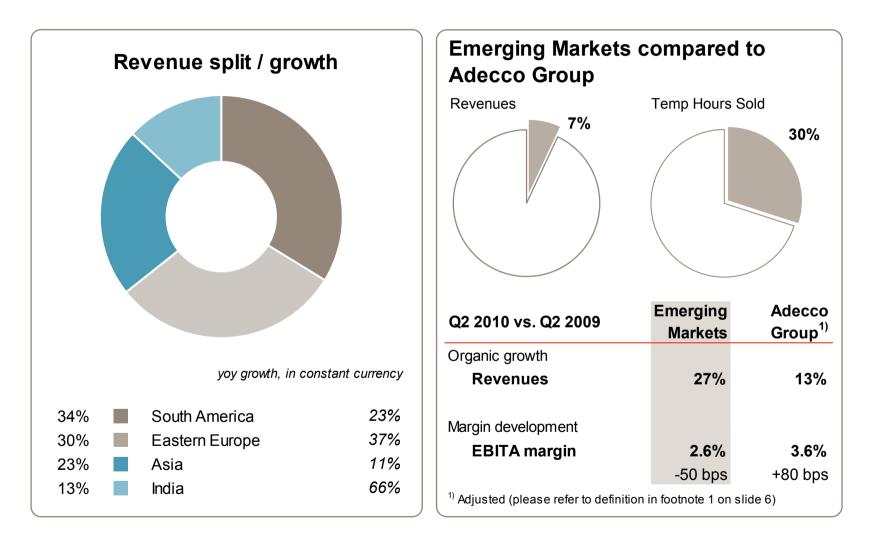
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# **Developments in the Emerging Markets**

Q2 2010 revenues by geography





### H1 2010 results summary

	Reported	Variance (10 vs. 09) in percent		
	EUR m	% of rev.	Reported Adjusted <sup>1)</sup> organic <sup>2)</sup>	
Revenues	8,608		<b>18</b> <b>6</b>	
Gross profit	1,537	17.9%	-1	
SG&A	1,256		-5	
EBITA <sup>3)</sup>	281	3.3%	276	
Operating income/(loss)	254	3.0%		
Net income/(loss) attributable to Adecco shareholders	154	1.8%		

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# **Revenues and EBITA by geography**

H1 2010 vs. H1 2009

		Revenues		EBITA <sup>1)</sup>	
		EUR m	organic <sup>1)</sup> yoy growth	EUR m	margin
	30% 📕 France	2,582	13%	85	3.3%
Revenues in percent	19% 📕 North America	1,662	8%	77	4.7%
	9% 📕 UK & Ireland	772	-6%	7	0.9%
	7% 📕 Japan	621	-19%	34	5.5%
	6% 📕 Germany & Austria	553	7%	27	4.8%
	5% 📕 Benelux	411	1%	12	3.0%
	5% 📕 Italy	382	13%	16	4.3%
	4% 🗏 Iberia	341	8%	11	3.3%
	4%  Nordics	334	4%	15	4.4%
	2% 📕 Australia & New Zealand	196	7%	4	2.2%
	2% 📕 Switzerland	166	-6%	14	8.3%
	7% Emerging Markets	588	23%	16	2.7%
	Corporate			-37	
	Adecco Group	8,608	6%	281	3.3%

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

In percent, based on dedicated branches in Q2 2010

