

# Next Fifteen 2009 Preliminary results



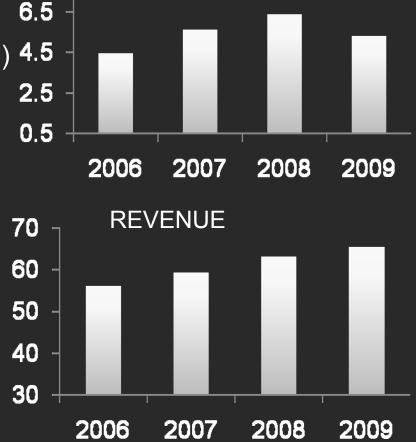
# Highlights

- Revenue increased to £65.4m (2008:£63.1m)
- PBT down to £3.1m (2008:£5.5m)
- Tax rate down to 28%
- Net cash of £1.8m
- Major new or expanded clients include: HP, VM Ware, Autodesk
- Maintained total dividend at 1.7p
- M Booth, Upstream Asia, 463



## Results

- Revenue
   £65.4m up 6.5% (2008: £63.1m) 4.5
- Headline profits £5.2m (2008: £6.6m)
- Adjusted EPS 6.48p (2008: 8.62p)
- EBITDA £5.2m (2008: £8.0m)
- Dividend1.7p (2008: 1.7p)



**HEADLINE PROFIT** 

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# Strategies

- Leverage international footprint
  - Cross sell network to existing client base
  - Establish hubs for other brands
- Capitalise on social media expertise
- Expand research capability
- Expand service lines
- Selective acquisitions
- Maintain focus on margins



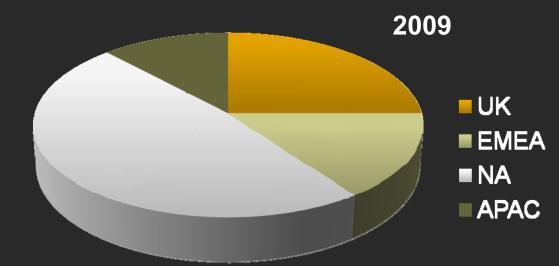
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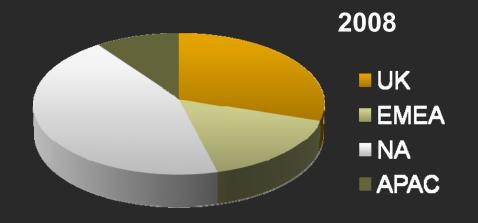
- M Booth working with Lexis to create global consumer agency
  - Unilever, JC Penney, Boots, Coca Cola
- Upstream Asia enable Bite to offer a global reach
- 463 becomes subsidiary rather than associate
- Project Metal



## Global

- NA reach almost 50% of revenue
- UK market suffered 11.9% decline
- APAC grew 16%
- Our structure:
  - •6 PR agencies
  - 2 Research agencies
  - operate in 18 countries
  - 13 offices in North America
  - 4 offices in UK
  - 12 offices in APAC
  - 10 offices in EMEA







## Recession scorecard

- Clients
  - Maintained strong blue chip client base
  - Lost Sun to Oracle merger
  - Lost Nokia
  - Won HP
- Staff
  - Maintained staff costs to revenue at 67% (excluding reorg. costs)
- Operations
  - One onerous lease following Bite/Inferno merger
  - Remaining operating costs managed in line with revenue
- Investments
  - M Booth, Upstream, 463 and Metal all designed to deliver growth over next five years



## **Current trading**

- Margins normalised
- Tax charge remains low and predicted to do so for coming year
- Good new business pipeline in all four geographic regions
- Social media creating opportunities for additional PR spend
- Relative dollar strength helping support revenues/profits



# Financials

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## Summary

- Revenue increased 3.6% to £65.4m
- Adjusted PBT down by 20% to £5.25m
- Adjusted EPS down by 25% to 6.48p
- Adjusted profit margin before head office costs 14.9% (2008: 15.9%)
- Staff costs contained to 67.0% revenue (2008: 67.3%)
- Net cash of £1.8m



## **Income Statement**

	2006	2007	2008	2009
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Billings	63.3	69.4	73.9	77.3
Revenue	56.0	59.3	63.1	65.4
Adjusted profit	4.4	5.6	6.6	5.2
Adjusted margin	7.0%	9.4%	10.4%	8.0%
PBT	3.0	5.1	5.5	3.2
Tax	(1.5)	(1.8)	(1.7)	(0.9)
Retained	1.5	3.3	3.8	2.3
Dividend	1.365p	1.5p	1.7p	1.7p
Adjusted EPS	5.32p	7.09p	8.62p	6.48p



### **EPS** and tax

- Adjusted EPS down 25% at 6.48p
  - Reduced profits and more shares in issue following Lexis acquisition
- Effective tax rate is 28% (2008: 30%)
  - New transfer pricing policy
- Projecting tax rate to remain at or below 30% in current financial year



# Balance sheet

	2008	2009
	£m	£m
Intangible assets	15.5	18.4
Other assets	4.7	3.1
Non-current assets	20.2	21.5
Trade receivables	15.7	14.6
Cash	9.5	7.1
Tax assets	0.7	2.2
Current assets	25.9	23.9
Borrowings	5.3	4.9
Other liabilities	0.6	0.4
Non-current liabilities	5.9	5.3
Borrowings	0.0	0.2
Trade payables	14.9	13.7
Other liabilities	5.7	1.4
Current liabilities	20.6	15.3
Total net assets	19.6	24.9
Equity shareholders funds	19.4	24.1
Minority Interests	0.2	0.8
Total Equity	19.6	24.9
Net cash	3.4	1.8



## Cashflow

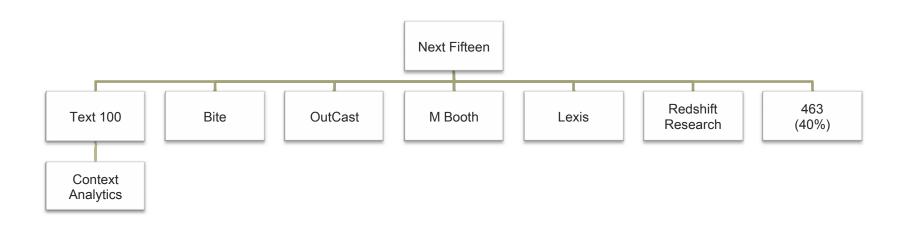
	2008	2009
	£m	£m
Inflow from operating activities	8.3	5.2
Working capital items	1.3	1.1
Net inflow from operations	9.6	6.3
Taxation	(1.1)	(1.5)
Net capital expenditure	(1.9)	(0.5)
Own shares	(0.4)	
Acquisitions	(0.9)	(4.5)
Interest	(0.2)	(0.3)
Dividends	(8.0)	(0.9)
Financing – bank loan	(0.5)	(1.5)
- hire purchase	(0.2)	(0.2)
Minority dividends		(0.2)
Increase/ (decrease) in cash	3.5	(3.3)



# Appendices:

- Group structure
- Global reach
- Top clients







US and Canada	EMEA	APAC
San Francisco	London	Tokyo
New York	Paris	Hong Kong
Washington	Munich	Beijing
Boston	Milan	Shanghai
Rochester Los Angeles	Madrid Amsterdam	Kuala Lumpur Singapore
Toronto	Stockholm	New Delhi
	Copenhagen	Mumbai
	Helsinki* Oslo Johannesburg	Bangalore Chennai Sydney
		Seoul*
		Tapei*
		Auckland*

<sup>\*</sup> Licensed partners



#### Top clients

- → IBM
- → Microsoft
- Cisco
- Yahoo!
- → AMD
- → HP
- Lenovo

- Xerox
- → EMC
- Symantec
- → Boots
- Unilever
- Facebook
- Coca Cola