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Keeping up the pace

Dieter Scheiff, Group CEO

Investor Days: New York, September 25-26, 2008

Agenda

- The market impact of the Adecco Group
- The market opportunities in our industry
- Keeping up the pace



Adecco Group's market impact



The global market impact of Adecco Group

Global presence and strong market position





Operational development of Adecco Group

Strong profitable growth 2006 - 2008



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Major achievements since the beginning of 2006

Strong management and good performance



Valencia



New York



- Consistent implementation of the Adecco Group's strategy
 - Implementation of the professional business model
 - Cost leadership in general staffing
- Continued improvement of the Adecco Group's profitability
 Roll out EVA
 - On track to reach >5% EBITA margin in 2009
- Strengthened the Adecco Group's management team
 - FR, US & Ca, GE, UK & Ireland
 - Benelux, Latin America, India
- Strengthened the Adecco Group's culture
 - Decentralization, Simplicity, Trust and Diversity
 - Entrepreneurial spirit



The market opportunities in our industry



Forces shaping the future of people and work

Strong growth drivers





Aging workforce and scarcity of talent

Widening the employment gap







Ongoing client move to low cost countries

Flexibility and productivity





Source: Bain & Company 2007



Adecco Group leverages international candidate mobility

We provided work for 15,000 people across borders





Adecco opens up mobility opportunities

Video Norway





Socio demographic changes

Companies have to cope with the Generation Y







Ongoing deregulation of the labour markets

Opening of new industry sectors in Europe





Note: Regulation index: 0= restrictive legislative context, 4= liberal legislative context Source: ING, Morgan Stanley, Vontobel, Litsearch, Eurociett, IAB



Growth opportunities in the Emerging Markets

Emerging Markets Q2 2008 revenues by geography







Growth opportunities in the Emerging Markets

Video India





Market potential for Professional and General staffing

Market size and FY 2007 revenues of Adecco



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Adecco Group strategy

Our two-folded market approach





General Staffing: Candidate and client services

Efficient Delivery Models – Framework





Growth Opportunities in Professional Staffing

Attract and retain talents



Project Solutions – Gas and steam power plant (Germany)

• Provide experts on a time and material basis



Recruitment Solutions - IT specialists on site (Russia)

• Recruit qualified specialists onsite



Project Solutions – Submarine (Netherlands)

• Provide experts on a time and material basis



Growth Opportunities in Professional Staffing

Video Germany





Translating Adecco Group strategy into local operations Selective work streams

- Serve markets locally but share platforms and best practices globally
- Sub-segment general staffing

(office/industry, retail/contract, selected specialization)

• Capture and develop the market potential for professional staffing

(organically and through acquisitions)

- Focus effort on selected country specific professional business lines
- Increase efficiency of physical distribution (branch network, back/mid office process)
- Increase the ability to retain and attract the best colleagues and candidates
- Create a strong MSP offering
- Build a partnership with e-intermediaries
- Continue to manage the business with EVA

General staffing sub-segmentation: Office	General staffing sub-segmentation: Retail	General staffing sub-segmentation: Specialties
Professional staffing	Candidate journey	Colleague journey
E-intermediaries / MSP: Multi- channel candidate	E-intermediaries / MSP: Managed Services Providers	Pricing
	Efficient delivery	
Efficient delivery model: Back and middle office centralization	Efficient delivery model: Branch footprint optimization	Clients



Managing a downturn

Get ready for the next upswing



* FY 2007 and H1 2008 excl. impact of the modified calculation of French social charges

** FY 2004 and FY 2005 adjusted for the impact of the 53rd week in 2004



Adecco a unique market leader

More than 700'000 colleagues around the globe





Leadership Qualities

- Cool Head
- Warm Heart
- Working Hands

Business Culture

- Simple
- Decentralized and diverse
- Respect & Trust

Our Values

• Customer Orientation





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Financial Perspectives

Dominik de Daniel, Group CFO

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- Achievements on financial measures since 2005
- How do we keep up the pace from here?



Achievements on financial measures since 2005



Adecco Group – Now and then

Achievements on key measures

H1 2005 compared to H1 2008



	H1 2005	H1 2008		
Revenues		CAGR in constant	7.5% t currency	
Gross margin*	16.7%	18.1%	+140bps	1
SG&A* in percentage of sales	13.6%	13.4%	- 20 bps	
EBITA margin*	3.1%	4.7%	+160 bps	
DSO	60.0 days	57.5 days	-2.5 days	

*excludes the impact of the modified calculation of French social charges in 2008



Gross margin

Developments since 2005

Peformance drivers

- Business mix
- Pricing discipline
- Geographic mix
- Acquisitions (DIS / Tuja)





SG&A in percentage of revenues

Developments since 2005

Peformance drivers

- Aligning costs with revenues
- Structural cost improvements





EBITA margin

Developments since 2005





DSO Developments since 2005

Three steps to reduce DSO







Maximizing EVA




The EVA concept

Implementation completed

Key success factor: Keep it simple and understandable at all levels of the organization!

Key Pillars of the concept

Incentive plans

- Compensation of top management is based on the EVA concept
- EVA/ EVA "light" concept for bonus calculations at all levels of the organization in most countries

Contract pricing

- Mandatory Adecco EVA guidelines for new and existing business evaluation
- National EVA pricing committees

Acquisitions

• Goodwill and intangible assets of all acquisitions since January 2005 are EVA relevant.





How do we keep up the pace from here?



Keeping up the pace

Key performance drivers







** FY 2004 and FY 2005 adjusted for the impact of the 53rd week in 2004



Protecting profitability in weakening markets

How we deal with the cyclical nature of our business



SG&A breakdown for H1 2008

Premises Expenses
Office & Admin. Expenses
Marketing
Depreciation
Consultants & Associates
Bad Debt Expense
Other
4%



70% Personnel cost



Protecting profitability in weakening markets

How we deal with the cyclical nature of our business





Example Germany: We are more flexible than the market thinks

Despite having associates on our payroll we remain flexible through

- Alternative placing options in case of redundancies
- Flexible time capturing overtime is compensated rather than paid
- Redundancies are only costly after six months of employment
- Attrition rate helps when costs need to be adapted to revenue developments



Risk of People on our Bench is compensated with higher margins!

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Structural profitability measures

How we improve profitability



- Segmentation of the business
- Selective investments in higher margin businesses
- Branch footprint optimization
- Centralizing administration
- Using more efficient delivery models (especially for large accounts)



"Industrialization" of recruiting and client serving Example Japan



Traditional branch model



Old ,classic' matching process



BranchPublic transport



"Industrialized" branch model



New ,industrialized' matching process



Job center at public transport junctions

- Client serving branches with focus on city area
- •••• Public transport



"Industrialization" of recruiting and client serving

Example Japan – Development and benchmarking



Historical development

Versus local competitors

Within the Adecco Group





Increasing importance of Emerging Markets

Future margin potential



Main Drivers:

- low penetration rates
- population growth
- overproportional GDP growth
- introducing flexibility at an early stage of market development results in higher client penetration
- wage inflation





Exposure to structural growth markets

Market penetration rate as growth driver







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Professional Staffing Exposure

Higher structural growth and higher margins



Gross margin spread: Office & Industrial vs. Professional Staffing

600 -----





How do we stack up today versus main competitors?

Q2 2008 comparison on market position and EBITA margin

	Adecco's market position	EBITA margin		g on EBITA margin** Lowest margin
France*	1	4.0% 🗸	3.9%	3.6%
US & Canada	1	4.0% 🗸	3.9%	3.0%
UK & Ireland	2	3.9% 🗴	4.1%	n.a.
Germany	2	10.8% 🗸	7.5%	n.a.
Japan	5	8.0% 🗸	4.6%	2.9%
Italy	1	7.7% 🗴	8.5%	n.a.
Iberia	1	6.7% 🗸	3.1%	n.a.
Nordics	1	6.7% 🗴	11.1%	5.4%
Benelux	3	6.0% 🗴	8.6%	6.0%

* excl. impact of the modified calculation of French social charges

** Ranking includes major competitors for which data is publicly available (Japan, based on H1 2008 figures)



Our strategy on the Acquisition Front

The focus remains on growing the professional staffing business

- Current environment remains attractive to explore potential opportunities to acquire companies in professional staffing
- Geographically we screen the market worldwide
- Financial firepower remains unchanged: Additional debt capacity of around EUR 1 billion EUR 400 million in treasury shares
- ▶ We consider accquisitions with a value based approach and financial discipline



EBITA margin target unchanged but increasingly ambitious

Goal is to reach > 5.0% in 2009







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Operational excellence

François Davy, Country Manager France

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- Which HR company employs every day nearly 1 employee out of 100 in France?
- Which HR company recruits 50 candidates by day for permanent placement?
- Which HR company is #1 on its market since 1988?
- Which HR company acts as consulting for 39 companies in the CAC 40?
- Which HR company has its own network for social integration?
- Which HR company employed 8,000 employees with disabilities in 2007?
- Which HR company has coached 12,000 unemployed people in 2007/2008 to help them finding a job in partnership with public employment service?
- Which market offers a significant growth opportunity due to the potential opening of the public sector to temporary staffing?



Adecco – The HR solution

Services / network





Adecco in France

Established in the country since 1962

FY 2007

- Market ranking: 1
- Market share: 30%
- Branches (average): 1,800
- Adecco colleagues (average): 8,500
- Revenue 2007: EUR 6.9 billion
- Associates provided daily: 190,000
- Clients served daily: 51,000
- Services provided. All HR services including:
 - Temporary staffing
 - Permanent placement
 - Consulting
 - Training
 - Outsourcing





Adecco France today



Operational development of Adecco France

Strong profitable growth 2006 - 2008





Market potential and opportunities



Market potential

Legal framework evolution

- Modernization of public sector (project law) Adopted in Council of Ministers in April 2008
 - Possibility to introduce temporary staffing in public sector (State and Local Administrations, Hospital)

Potential evaluated by Eurociett is around 130,000 FTE in the mid term (25% of actual temp market assuming that the public market opens in 2009).

 Merger of the French national employment agency (ANPE) and the national organization managing unemployment benefits scheme (UNEDIC)
 Voted by the Parliament in January 2008

Increased potential for private operators of placement



The permanent placement market

High potential

The permanent placement market is booming since its opening in 2005...



PERM - Market from Temporary Agency Work (TAW)

Source: INED



Market trends

Change in the perception of the HR market

FROM:

- The history of French temporary staffing industry has been built on
 - **exclusive distribution** of temporary employment contracts,
 - needs for low skilled labour,
 - in a context of **high** unemployment.

The sector was **customer oriented** with a dense network of branches to capture candidate traffic.

TO:

- The **market** is changing:
 - shortage of talents,
 - company needs for high qualified skills,
 - labour market legislation change with less strict rules on working time.
 - We need to evolve to **talent management** (attract, recruit, retain the best candidates) to meet the needs of business skills, temporary or permanent.



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Portfolio of solutions

OFFER	SERVICES	SPECIALIZATIONS
Temporary staffing and permanent placement	 Workforce management Candidate selection and recruitment Direct hire 	 Expertise by specializations and qualifications Homecare Dedicated network for social integration
Secondment / Outsourcing	Technical assistanceProject management	 HR IT Engineering Call centre solutions Sales force outsourcing
Consulting and training	 Strategic consulting and executive Employment and restructuring Communication HR Training 	e coaching



Our strategy in general staffing



Our strategy in general staffing





Client segmentation

Focus on profitable SME potential





Retail business represents an important potential in France

- Lower penetration rate
- Higher gross margin business

Three steps to grow the SM&E business



*ADE ,Adecco Direct Entreprises' call centre for small retail accounts



Improve candidate experience short and long term

Satisfaction of our associates by managing the "moment of truth"

- Candidate care is of primary essence
- Ensuring satisfaction throughout the entire candidate process
- Both loyalty and extended and consecutive assignments are key EVA levers
- Specialization of branches increases both customer spending and candidates share of working time





Creating EVA through pricing discipline



Front office Pricing grid

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- Retail clients
- Contract reviews

Our key challenges:

- Locally simulated pricing for branch staff
- Pricing guidelines for branch managers
- Enhance EVA through pricing based on talent scarcity and through cost to serve optimization
- Renegotiate or exit unprofitable contracts
- The right process to reduce DSO



Changing delivery models

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Changing delivery models



New onsite concept

A proactive understanding of client expectations at different levels



HR processes

- Workforce management
- Customer's cost savings

Successful delivery of service

- Administrative tasks
- Productivity

A modular approach to build a long term relationship and better value our level of engagement & pricing over the years

- Dedicated experienced, senior consultants that will focus on most adapted candidates sourcing strategies & workforce management
- Strong focus on candidate replacement activities.
- The use of e-tools that are exclusive to the Adecco group and have proven acceptance in the market
- The development of our vendor management and MSP capabilities.
- The centralization of transactional & administrative activities that allows the dedicated onsite team to focus on client & candidates expectations.



Changing delivery models

Optimize branch footprint







Develop regional penetration of Paris region An example



Paris: Key region in France

- Adecco + Adia Temp share: 22.5%
- Adecoo + Adia Perm share: 20.5%

The Paris area market in 2007

- 11,5 million of people 18 % France
- 5,5 million workers 21 % France
- 106,000 temps
- 11,310 perm placements 29 % France
- 56,000 clients sites
- 1,174 branches



Adecco has a strong branch footprint in the region and penetration rate. We can still improve our performance by focusing on retail and office.

17 % France

18 % France

18 % France

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Our strategy in professional staffing



Initiatives in professional staffing

Example: Adecco Experts





Conclusion

General staffing



Professional staffing



A clear strategy

- enhance value for our core general staffing business where we can both enhance productivity whilst reaching untapped potential
- create and grow our professional staffing business

