

Praktiker

Interim Report

The Quarter

1/07

Key data

in € m	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Change
Net sales	877.5	717.7	22.3 %
Germany	671.0	560.1	19.8 %
International	206.5	157.6	31.0 %
EBITA	-19.9	-15.9	-4.0
Germany	-20.0	-11.5	-8.5
International	0.1	-4.4	4.5
Capital expenditure	21.5	5.1	16.4
Quarterly net loss	-18.1	-11.0	-7.1
Earnings per share in €	-0.32	-0.19	-0.13
Net cash	-81.1	172.5	-253.6
Number of stores Praktiker Group	418	340	78
Selling Space	2,639	2,014	31.0%
Germany	2,120	1,551	36.7%
International	519	463	12.1%
Number of employees, yearly average on a full-time basis (01/01 - 03/31)	26,803	21,107	27.0%
Germany	18,580	14,323	29.7%
International	8,223	6,784	21.2%

Number of stores	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Change
Germany	344	275	69
International	74	65	9
Greece	8	7	1
Luxembourg	3	3	0
Poland	18	17	1
Hungary	15	15	0
Turkey	8	8	0
Romania	16	11	5
Bulgaria	6	4	2
Number of stores Praktiker Group	418	340	78

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Preliminary remark

The first quarter of the 2007 financial year brought fundamental changes for Praktiker Group. Since February 1, 2007 Max Bahr is part of the group and has been consolidated since. Comparisons of the first quarter financial statement with the corresponding quarter of the previous year are thus complicated. Wherever necessary and possible, the impact on items attributable to the initial consolidation of Max Bahr has been reported separately. However, Praktiker will continue to adhere to its proven segment reporting, differentiating exclusively between its German and its International business.

Moreover, first-quarter sales and earnings were impacted by one-off effects that can partly be put down to management decisions, partly to changes in the general economic environment. Wherever it is considered necessary and helpful, special mention is made of these factors too.

Management report

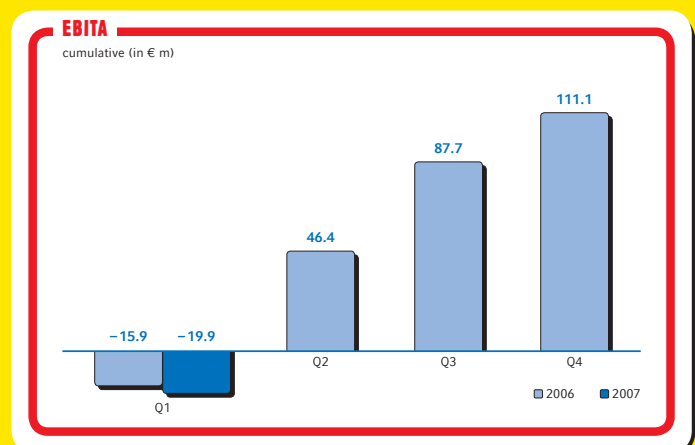
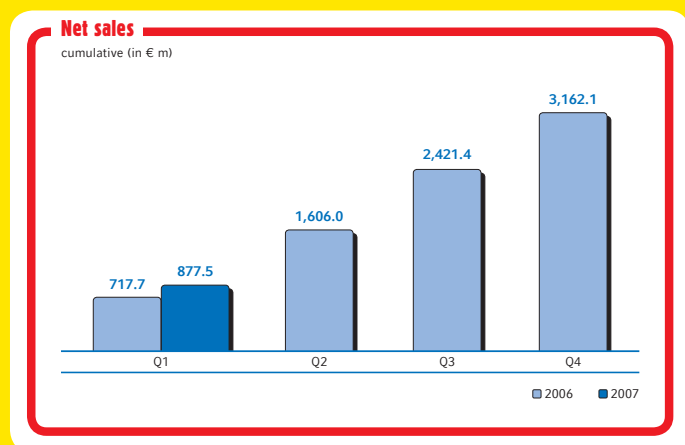
Praktiker continued on its growth course in the first three months of 2007. Net sales increased by 22.3 percent to a total of 877.5 million euros. Around three quarters of this increase were attributable to the acquisition of Max Bahr. Since February 1, 2007 Max Bahr is part of the group and has been consolidated since. Disregarding the acquisition-related impact on growth, the underlying sales increase of the Praktiker brand was at 5.6 percent. Adjusted for currency changes, sales growth would have been a further 0.2 percentage points higher at 5.8 percent.

Operating earnings (EBITA) are reported at minus 19.9 million euros for the first quarter 2007, 4.0 million euros less than in the previous year. However, this figure conceals the fact that a number of one-off factors had a negative impact. An amount of almost double-digit million euros was lost as Praktiker could only gradually pass on the increase in the value added tax to its customers in Germany in January and February. Furthermore, the Max Bahr contribution to operating earnings amounted to a negative total of 7.0 million euros as the integration costs had

to be given due consideration in the first quarter to the extent that they were already identifiable. Additionally, the conversion of the first twelve Easy-to-Shop stores incurred expenses of mid single-digit million euros.

Taking account of the above factors, Praktiker's underlying operating performance continued to show improvement in the first quarter.

This is also the reason why the management reiterates its forecast of growth in sales and earnings for the 2007 financial year as a whole, as already indicated when announcing the results for the 2006 financial year. 2007 is expected to see sales rise to more than four billion euros and EBITA reaching at least 115 million euros. This forecast does not take account of the fact that Praktiker is obliged to sell four outlets in line with the conditions imposed by the German Cartel Office. Whether and to what extent this will impact on earnings cannot be assessed at the time this report is drawn up. The same also applies to the implications of the planned reform of corporate taxation.



Group

Net sales

The group increased net sales in the first quarter of 2007 by 159.8 million euros or 22.3 percent to 877.5 million euros. A good three quarters of this increase were acquisition-related. Max Bahr, part of Praktiker Group since February 1, contributed 119.7 million euros to consolidated sales in the first quarter. Sales generated via the Praktiker brand (excluding Max Bahr) grew by 5.6 percent. Adjusted for changes in floor space, Praktiker like-for-like sales increased by 4.6 percent.

Gross profit on sales

Gross profit on sales rose by 28.6 percent to 249,9 million euros. Gross profit margin increased by 1.4 percentage points to 28.5 percent. This positive development was primarily attributable to the fact that the newly acquired brand Max Bahr generates a higher gross profit margin and synergies could be realised in the first three months already.

Other operating income

Other operating income totalled 14.8 million euros and as such grew by 6.7 percent over that reported in the previous year.

Selling expenses

Selling expenses increased by 24.6 percent in the first quarter which can be put down to the Max Bahr acquisition, the conversion of the first Praktiker stores to Easy-to-Shop and the international expansion.

General administrative expenses

General administrative expenses increased by roughly two thirds as compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The main reason for this increase was the integration expenses of Max Bahr. The costs associated with the social plan had to be given due consideration in the first quarter to the extent that they were already identifiable.

EBITA

The increase in sales and the improvement in the gross profit margin could not be translated into a correspondingly visible rise in earnings in the first quarter due to a number of one-off factors. The operating loss which seasonally incurred in the first quarter was reported at 19.9 million euros. In the first quarter of the previous year, EBITA stood at minus 15.9 million euros.

First-quarter earnings were negatively affected by one-off factors. Praktiker was only gradually able to pass the increase of the value added tax on to customers. This generated losses in a magnitude of almost double-digit million euros. Max Bahr contributed an operating loss of 7.0 million euros in the first quarter due above all to the fact that the one-off integration expenses expected to be incurred in the course of the year already had to be given due consideration in the first quarter. Additionally, expenses of a mid single-digit million euro amount were incurred for the conversion of the first Easy-to-Shop stores. Taking account of these one-off factors, operating earnings in the first quarter actually improved.

Income statement

in € m 01/01 – 03/31

	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Change
Net sales	877.5	717.7	22.3%
Gross profit on sales	249.9	194.3	28.6%
Gross margin on sales in %	28.5	27.1	1.4 PP
Other operating income	14.8	13.9	6.7%
Selling expenses	263.2	211.2	24.6%
General administrative expenses	21.2	12.5	69.0%
Other operating expenses	0.2	0.3	-33.9%
EBITA	-19.9	-15.9	-4.0
Net financial income	-4.2	1.4	-5.6
Earnings before taxes (EBT)	-24.1	-14.6	-9.5
Quarterly net loss	-18.1	-11.0	-7.1

Net financial income

Net financial income is reported at minus 4.2 million euros. The change as compared with the previous year is mainly attributable to the interest liabilities stemming from the convertible bond issue and the increasing number of finance leases. It has to be taken into account though that 0.9 million euros in interest charges are not cash relevant as they result from the amortisation of the liability share of the convertible bond.

Quarterly net loss

The net loss for the quarter came to 18.1 million euros. This equates to an increase of 7.1 million euros over that of the previous year.

Earnings per share

Earnings per share were reported at –0.32 euros (previous year: –0.19 euros).

Balance sheet

Praktiker Group's balance sheet changed in length and structure due to the acquisition of Max Bahr. The balance sheet total rose to 2.2 billion euros on account of the initial consolidation of Max Bahr which had an impact on practically all positions of the balance sheet. On the asset side, inventories and non-current assets were affected most visibly, on the equity and liabilities side the most significant changes took place in the positions of financial liabilities and trade payables. As of the end of the past financial year, total assets had stood at 1.9 billion euros. The opening balance sheet of Max Bahr is detailed in the notes to this report.

Equity

As compared with the balance sheet reporting date of the previous year (December 31, 2006), equity declined marginally to 927.2 million euros due to the losses incurred in the first quarter.

Equity ratio

The equity ratio stood at 41.3 percent. As of the end of the past financial year, it had been at 50.1 percent. This decline is attributable to the initial consolidation of Max Bahr and the resultant lengthening of the balance sheet.

Net cash

Liquid funds amounted to 300.5 million euros as of March 31, 2007 with financial liabilities totalling 381.6 million euros. As such, net cash came to minus 81.1 million euros. As of the end of the past financial year, net cash had stood at plus 172.5 million euros. This change can be put down principally to the fact that the purchase price for Max Bahr amounting to a net sum of 229.1 million euros became due at the end of January. Also, the integration of Max Bahr brought with it additional finance lease liabilities.

Net working capital

Net working capital increased by 6.2 percent or 20.8 million euros as compared to the end of the past financial year. Adjusted for the effects from the consolidation of Max Bahr, the increase would have been 37.8 percent or 127.0 million euros which was mainly due to strong increase in trade payables.

Balance sheet

in € m

	03/31/2007	12/31/2006	Change
Equity	927.2	945.5	–1.9 %
Total assets	2,244.7	1,888.9	18.8 %
Net cash	–81.1	172.5	–253.6
Net working capital	315.2	336.0	–6.2 %

Cashflow statement

in € m 01/01 – 03/31

	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Change
Earnings before taxes (EBT)	–24.1	–14.6	–9.5
Cashflow from operating activities	104.5	–5.4	109.9
Cashflow from investing activities	–266.1	–4.7	–261.4
Cashflow from financing activities	–4.2	0.8	–5.0
Cash and cash equivalents at 03/31	300.5	313.0	–12.5

Germany

Net sales

Net sales generated by Praktiker Group in Germany amounted to a total of 671.0 million euros in the first quarter of 2007. As compared with the sales generated in the comparable quarter of the previous year amounting to 560.1 million euros, this equates to an increase of 19.8 percent, a development attributable exclusively to the acquisition of Max Bahr. Sales generated via the Praktiker brand in the first quarter declined by 1.6 percent to 551.3 million euros as a total of seven stores had been closed in the course of the previous year. Adjusted for changes in the sales area, like-for-like sales actually increased by 0.2 percent. In the first quarter, Praktiker did not pass on the increase in value added tax to its customers at all or only gradually. With prices at the same level, net sales were lower than in the previous year. By contrast, the volume of value added tax paid rose. Were one to use gross sales as the basis of comparison with the previous year, as the association for the German DIY industry BHB does, like-for-like sales growth of 2.6 percent would have been reported for the first quarter.

Sales development varied greatly in the three months of the first quarter. In January sales were significantly subdued due to the increase in value added tax. In February, sales were already up on those of the previous year and in March high levels of sales growth were reached – due in part to the fact that the long winter of the previous year had led to a sharp decline in sales especially in gardening products.

EBITA

In Germany a contribution to earnings of minus 20.0 million euros was reported. In the previous year, losses had amounted to 11.5 million euros. Nevertheless, underlying operating earnings showed a clear improvement as various negative one-off factors impacted on earnings in the first quarter. The increase in value added tax generated losses in almost double-digit million euro territory due to the fact the Praktiker was able to pass the increase on to its customers only gradually. The newly acquired brand Max Bahr contributed 7.0 million euros to operating losses. Integration expenses as were already identifiable in the first quarter had to be given due consideration. Additionally, the conversion of Easy-to-Shop stores incurred expenses of a mid single-digit euro amount.

Taking due account of these expenses, underlying operating earnings improved – due in part to the fact that some synergies from the acquisition of Max Bahr could already be realized.

Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure in the domestic operations stood at 15.4 million euros in the first quarter of 2007. In the case of the Praktiker brand, the funds have been earmarked exclusively for changes in the store concept, modernisation and replacement activities. As far as Max Bahr is concerned, funds were also invested in the opening of four new stores in the consolidated months of February and March. Through the acquisition of Max Bahr, the number of stores in Germany was increased to a total of 344, of which 76 were operated under the brand of Max Bahr.

Q1 Key data Germany

in € m 01/01 – 03/31

	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Change
Net sales	671.0	560.1	19.8 %
like-for-like sales growth in %	0.2	-3.8	
EBITA	-20.0	-11.5	-8.5
in % on sales	-3.0	-2.1	
Capital expenditure	15.4	2.2	13.2
Number of stores (03/31)	344	275	69
Selling space in sq m 1,000 (03/31)	2,120.0	1,550.7	36.7 %
Employees, yearly average on a full-time basis (01/01 – 03/31)	18,580	14,323	29.7 %

International

Net sales

In Eastern Europe Praktiker was able to successfully continue on its growth course. Net sales generated via the international activities increased by 31.0 percent to 206.5 million euros (previous year 157.6 million euros). Adjusted for changes in the sales area, like-for-like sales increased 19.3 percent - more than in any previous quarter before. The growth in sales reflects the outstanding positioning of the Praktiker brand in Eastern Europe, but is also due in part to the fact that the 2006/2007 winter was significantly milder than the winter of 2005/2006. The largest growth rates were recorded in Rumania and Bulgaria. In these two countries, the portfolio of stores expanded fastest in 2006 with five new stores being opened in Rumania and two new outlets in Bulgaria. However, practically all other countries also achieved double-digit growth rates in local currency terms.

Due to the sharp increase in sales, the share of the International segment in overall group sales increased further despite the acquisition of Max Bahr. It stood at 23.5 percent in the first quarter (previous year 22.0 percent)

EBITA

Internationally, the company generated a positive EBITA of 0.1 million euros. This equates to an improvement in operating earnings over the comparative quarter of the previous year of 4.5 million euros. All the countries in which Praktiker is operationally active made a contribution here. Only Turkey was unable to report an increase in earnings due to currency changes.

Capital expenditure

In the first quarter capital expenditure reached 6.1 million euros. A new store in Poland was opened.

Q1 Key data International

in € m 01/01 – 03/31

	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Change
Net sales	206.5	157.6	31.0 %
like-for-like sales growth in %	19.3	6.9	
EBITA	0.1	-4.4	4.5
in % on sales	0.1	-2.8	
Capital expenditure	6.1	2.9	3.2
Number of stores (03/31)	74	65	9
Selling space in sq m 1,000 (03/31)	518.6	462.6	12.1 %
Employees, yearly average on a full-time basis (01/01 – 03/31)	8,223	6,784	21.2 %

Outlook

Praktiker Bau- und Heimwerkermärkte Holding AG was able to improve its underlying operating earnings in the first three months of the current financial year. However, this improvement is not reflected in the figures reported as it is concealed by one-off effects.

The management of Praktiker is confident that the company will be able to more than compensate for the losses incurred in the first quarter by increasing sales and earnings in the remaining months of the financial year. The current business development in Germany shows that consumers have largely gotten over the increase in value added tax. Consumer confidence is on the rise and overall GDP growth expectations have been adjusted upwards on repeatedly. Moreover, the management of Praktiker is confident of also being able to profit significantly from synergies arising from the acquisition of Max Bahr in the very first year of the acquisition.

The international business is currently growing strongly. However, significant expenses will be incurred in the course of the year due to the planned high level of new store openings. As such the international earnings contribution for the full year will not be as strong as might be insinuated by the current high level of sales growth.

The dynamics of earnings in the company's domestic and international operations should be sufficient to neutralize the expected expenses from the conversion of 67 German Praktiker stores to the Easy-to-Shop concept (around 25 million euros) and the one-off integration costs at Max Bahr (around 8 million euros) while at the same time compensating for the losses already incurred in connection to the increase in the value added tax.

All in all, the management therefore repeats the forecast it already made when publishing the results for the 2006 financial year at the annual press conference on April 3, 2007 – Praktiker expects to increase sales in 2007 to more than 4 billion euros. The larger part of the increase will be due to the acquisition of Max Bahr. However, the Praktiker brand too is expected to show sales growth of more than 5 percent. Operating earnings (EBITA) are forecast to reach at least 115 million euros and as such be up on the earnings generated in the previous year.

This estimate does not take account of any potential impact from the reform of the German corporate tax. Neither does it take account of the fact that Praktiker is obliged to sell four stores in Germany in order to meet the conditions imposed by the German Cartel Office in connection with the acquisition of Max Bahr. The impact on earnings of the sale of these stores cannot be predicted at present.

Income statement for the 1. quarter

in € thousand	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2007	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2006
Net sales	877,462	717,652
Cost of sales	–627,551	–523,375
Gross profit on sales	249,911	194,277
Other operating income	14,838	13,905
Selling expenses	–263,296	–211,237
General administrative expenses	–21,185	–12,538
Other operating expenses	–220	–333
Earnings before interest, taxes and amortization (EBITA)	–19,952	–15,926
Net interest result	–4,488	–1,938
Other financial result	310	3,299
Net financial loss/income	–4,178	1,361
Earnings before taxes	–24,130	–14,565
Income taxes	6,032	3,569
Group net loss	–18,098	–10,996
of which attributable to minorities	196	147
of which attributable to group shareholders	–18,294	–11,143

Earnings per share (€)	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2007	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2006
undiluted	–0.32	–0.19
diluted	–0.29	–0.19

Balance sheet as at March 31, 2007

Assets in € thousands	Mar. 31, 2007	Dec. 31, 2006
Non-current assets		
Goodwill	214,621	116,590
Other intangible assets	67,922	10,795
Tangible assets	374,991	273,792
Financial assets	16,925	322
Miscellaneous receivables and other non-current assets	10,308	10,921
Deferred tax assets	247,221	198,831
	931,988	611,251
Current assets		
Inventories	862,072	625,983
Trade receivables	32,216	16,372
Miscellaneous receivables and other current assets	109,900	168,746
Income tax receivables	7,217	345
Cash and cash equivalents	300,476	466,251
	1,311,881	1,277,697
Assets classified as held for sale	797	0
Total assets	2.244.666	1.888.948

Balance sheet as at March 31, 2007

Liabilities in € thousands	Mar. 31, 2007	Dec. 31, 2006
Equity		
Share capital	58,000	58,000
Additional paid-in capital	706,635	705,896
Balance sheet profit	161,931	180,225
	926,566	944,121
Minority interests	623	1,417
	927,189	945,538
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions for pensions and similar commitments	639	516
Other provisions	66,466	52,715
Payable from convertible bonds	131,352	130,433
Payable under finance leases	233,899	154,831
Other liabilities	9,534	9,148
Deferred tax liabilities	104,188	50,212
	546,078	397,855
Current liabilities		
Other provisions	42,968	27,266
Due to banks	1,983	50
Payable under finance leases	14,349	8,435
Trade payables	598,500	417,767
Prepayments received on orders	14,379	10,745
Other liabilities	84,577	70,858
Current income tax liabilities	14,543	10,434
	771,299	545,555
Liabilities classified as held for sale	100	0
Total liabilities	2,244,666	1,888,948

Statement of changes in equity

in € thousand	Share capital	Capital reserves	Other revenue reserves	Balance sheet profit	Equity attributable to Praktiker Holding AG shareholders	Minority interests	Total
Dec. 31, 2005	58,000	802,416	-114,138	123,174	869,452	1,504	870,956
Currency translation	—	—	-2,197	—	-2,197	—	-2,197
Loss on cash flow hedges recognised directly in equity	—	—	-93	—	-93	—	-93
Group net loss	—	—	—	-11,143	-11,143	—	-11,143
Changes in minority interests	—	—	—	—	—	-913	-913
March 31, 2006	58,000	802,416	-116,428	112,031	856,019	591	856,610
Dec. 31, 2006	58,000	822,685	-116,789	180,225	944,121	1,417	945,538
Currency translation	—	—	739	—	739	—	739
Profit/Loss on cash flow hedges recognised directly in equity	—	—	0	—	0	—	0
Group net loss	—	—	—	-18,294	-18,294	—	-18,294
Changes in minority interests	—	—	—	—	0	-794	-794
March 31, 2007	58,000	822,685	-116,050	161,931	926,566	623	927,189

Cashflow statement

in € thousand	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2007	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2006
Earnings before taxes	-24,130	-14,565
Depreciation and amortization (+) / Reversal of impairment losses (-)	12,822	9,684
Increase (Decrease) in Provisions	2,023	-2,500
Gain from the disposal of fixed and intangible assets	-3	-56
Increase in inventories	-57,962	-74,827
Increase in trade payables	116,465	42,866
Gain from foreign currencies	-311	-3,299
Other non-cash transactions	716	2,839
Decrease in other assets	53,145	30,035
Decrease (Increase) in other liabilities	-2,841	3,978
Income taxes paid	-2,637	-3,352
Interest result	4,488	1,938
Interest received	2,727	1,860
Cash flow from operating activities	104,502	-5,399
Proceeds from disposal of fixed and intangible assets	504	367
Net cash used in investing activities	-37,474	-5,060
Net cash used in acquisition Max Bahr	-229,170	0
Cash flow from investing activities	-266,140	-4,693
Interest Paid	-166	-330
Payment to minorities	-1,007	0
Decrease in liabilities from finance leases	-3,071	-1,334
Borrowing of loan	0	2,422
Cash flow from financing activities	-4,244	758
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-165,882	-9,334
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	107	-1,355
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	466,251	323,682
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	300,476	312,993
Reconciliation cash and cash equivalents to reporting in Group Balance Sheet		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	466,251	323,682
Pledged cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	0	25,391
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period according to the Group Balance Sheet	466,251	349,073
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-165,882	-9,334
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	107	-1,355
Change in pledged cash and cash equivalents	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	300,476	338,384
Pledged cash and cash equivalents at end of period	0	-25,391
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period according to the Group Balance Sheet	300,476	312,993

Notes to cash flow statement

In accordance with IAS 7, the consolidated cash flow statement has been prepared according to the indirect method, broken down by cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities.

In the period under review, non-cash additions amounting to € 460 thousand (previous year: € 0 thousand) from finance lease assets have been included. In the period under review as well as in the comparing period there were no non-cash disposals from finance lease assets and no non-cash disposals from finance lease liabilities.

The cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances and cash in hand.

Explanatory information relevant to notes

Accounting principles

The interim report as of March 31, 2007 was drawn up in compliance with the provisions set out under IAS 34. With the exception of the matter described in greater detail below, the same accounting, valuation and calculation methods were applied as those used for the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2006. These are set out in the 2006 Annual Report on pages 48 and following.

Income tax expenses were deferred on the basis of the tax rate that would be applicable for the overall result of the year, i. e. the estimated average annual effective tax rate is applied on the pretax result of the interim reporting period under review.

Change in shareholder structure

Newton Investment Management Limited, London (UK), holds 5.07 % of the voting right shares in Praktiker Bau- und Heimwerkermärkte Holding AG since May 5, 2006

Lansdowne Partners Limited, London (UK), announced on January 15, 2007 that Lansdowne Partners Limited Partnership, London (UK), which administers the shares on behalf of its customers, exceeded the threshold of 5 % of voting rights in Praktiker Bau- und Heimwerkermärkte Holding AG, Am Tannenwald 2, 66459 Kirkel, Germany on January 8, 2007 and since this day holds 6.89 % (3,995,485 voting rights) of all voting rights. The voting rights concerned are attributable to Lansdowne Partners Limited Partnership pursuant to § 22 Section 1 Sub-Section 1 No. 6 of the WpHG Act.

Ivory Investment Management, L.P. with its registered office based in Los Angeles (USA), announced via its letter of February 12, 2007 pursuant to voting rights notification as per § 21 Section 1 Sub-Section 1 of the WpHG Act that its voting rights share in Praktiker Bau- und Heimwerkermärkte Holding AG, Am Tannenwald 2, 66459 Kirkel, Germany exceeded the threshold of 3 % on February 7, 2007 and now amounts to 3.20 %. This equates to 1,854,954 votes. All voting rights can be attributed to Ivory Investment Management, L.P. pursuant to § 22 Section 1 Sub-Section 1 No. 6 of the WpHG Act.

BlueCrest Capital Management L.P. with its registered office based in London (UK), announced on March 2, 2007 pursuant to voting rights notification as per § 21 Section 1 of the WpHG Act (in its capacity as the investment manager for various funds and accounts) that its voting rights share in Praktiker Bau- und Heimwerkermärkte Holding AG, Am Tannenwald 2, 66459 Kirkel, Germany exceeded the threshold of 3 % on February 22, 2007 and since this day amounts to 3.02 %. This equates to 1,753,094 votes. 3.02 % of the voting rights (equating to 1,753,094 shares) are attributed to BlueCrest Capital Management L.P. pursuant to § 22 Section 1 Sub-Section 1 No. 6 of the WpHG Act.

Capital Research and Management Company, Los Angeles (USA), announced pursuant to § 21 Section 1 of the WpHG Act on March 22, 2007 that its voting rights share in Praktiker Bau- und Heimwerkermärkte Holding AG, Kirkel, Germany, ISIN: DE000A0F6MD5, WKN: A0F6MD exceeded the threshold of 5 % of voting rights on March 16, 2007 via shares and now amounts to 5.59% (this equates to 3,242,183 voting rights). 5.59 % of the voting rights (equating to 3,242,183 voting rights) are attributable to Capital Research and Management Company pursuant to § 22 Section 1, Sub-Section 1, No. 6 of the WpHG Act.

As shares with a short-term investment strategy, they are not considered to be in fixed ownership pursuant to the definition set out by Deutsche Börse AG. As such, 100 % of the shares concerned of the company under review are considered to be in miscellaneous ownership as of March 31, 2007.

Scope of consolidation

As per the purchase contract of August 16, 2006 Praktiker Bau- und Heimwerkermärkte Holding AG acquired 100 % of Max Bahr Holzhandlung GmbH & Co. KG. The German Cartel Office approved the acquisition on January 10, 2007 under the condition that four do-it-yourself markets have to be sold. In the consolidated balance sheet, this is reflected on the assets side under the item 'Assets classified as held for sale' and on the liabilities side under 'Liabilities classified as held for sale'.

Corporate merger

The operating activities of Max Bahr Group are concentrated in Max Bahr Holzhandlung GmbH & Co. KG which has a 100 % stake in Max der kleine Baumarkt GmbH, Hamburg as well as in ANTENOR Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, Hamburg. In its turn, the latter has a 100 % stake in SINCO Trade Ltd., Hong Kong. Moreover, Max Bahr Holzhandlung GmbH & Co. KG also has a 50 % stake in DIYCO GmbH, Hamburg (joint venture). The interest in DIYCO GmbH, Hamburg, is recognised using the equity method according to IAS 31.38 and following. Proportionate consolidation was not used for reasons of materiality.

The purchase also includes the acquisition of 100 % of the shares in Max Bahr Holzhandlung Baumarkt GmbH, Verwaltungsgesellschaft Zweite MBE mbH, Oststeinbek and 2. PSK Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, Hamburg, which was renamed Küchen DIY Vertrieb GmbH in the first quarter of 2007.

The corporate purpose of the companies acquired consists primarily of the operation of do-it-yourself markets.

The corporate merger was accounted for as per the provisions set out under IFRS 3.

The closing date on which the corporate merger is to be considered as having been completed as per the purchase contract and as such the date of acquisition as defined by the provisions set out under IFRS 3.25 was January 31, 2007.

The purchase costs amount to € 276,081 thousand and break down as follows:

Purchase price:	€ 270,968 thousand
Ancillary purchase costs:	€ 5,113 thousand

The ancillary purchase costs include the costs incurred by way of tax-related and legal advice. The purchase price was settled in cash on January 31, 2007.

The purchase costs set for the companies were offset against the following assets and liabilities existing at the time of purchase (whereby only the assets and liabilities relevant to Max Bahr Holzhandlung GmbH & Co. KG are set out in detail for reasons of materiality):

in € thousand	Carrying amounts	Adjustments	Amounts recognised at the acquisition date
Goodwill	0	98,092	98,092
Other intangible assets	1,200	56,592	57,792
Tangible assets	103,770	-12,175	91,595
Financial assets	79	0	79
Deferred tax assets	16,968	1,297	18,265
Inventories	171,313	6,814	178,127
Trade receivables	798	0	798
Miscellaneous receivables and other current assets	8,731	0	8,731
Cash and cash equivalents	46,911	0	46,911
Discontinued operations assets	0	797	797
Provisions for pensions and similar commitments	-1,265	0	-1,265
Other provisions	-23,844	-2,444	-26,288
Financial liabilities	-87,593	0	-87,593
Trade payables	-64,268	0	-64,268
Other liabilities	-16,417	99	-16,318
Deferred tax liabilities	-15,845	-8,028	-23,873
Current income tax liabilities	-5,401	0	-5,401
Discontinued operations liabilities	0	-100	-100
Total acquired assets and liabilities of the Max Bahr Holzhandlung GmbH & Co. KG			276,081
Consolidation effects of the non-operational Max Bahr Companies of the Goodwill			-61
Total Goodwill from the acquisition			98,031
Purchase price			276,081
Payments received			46,911
Funds flow			229,170

The goodwill reported largely reflects the expectations in terms of future positive earnings contributions on the part of Max Bahr Group. Moreover, the following assets were identified that do not meet the reporting criteria set out under IFRS 3 and cannot therefore be reported separately from goodwill:

- The 'Max der kleine Baumarkt' brand has no awareness resulting in economic benefits
- Further product brands – the value contributions cannot be separated from the umbrella brand and the latter is more important
- The 'Max Bahr' product brand – the value contributions cannot be separated from the umbrella brand and the latter is more important
- The 'Meisterklasse' product brand – the value contributions cannot be separated from the umbrella brand and the latter is more important
- Product management software – the data required for fair value determination are not available

Furthermore, the product brand 'Bonus' and customer loyalty programme 'Bahr Card' meet the reporting requirements set out under IFRS 3, but were considered to be of minor importance.

The losses made by the companies acquired, which were included in the earnings of the first quarter of 2007, amounted to approx. € 7.9 million.

The group would have generated turnover of approx. € 926 million and an annual shortfall of approx. € 25.5 million if the date of acquisition had been January 1, 2007.

The property holdings of Max Bahr Group, which were concentrated in the property company Max Bahr Holzhandlung GmbH & Co. KG, were purchased by a foreign financial investor. The property holdings concerned were invested in two newly established limited partnerships: Moor Park MB OHG & Co. MBE KG, Oststeinbeck and Moor Park MB OHG & Co. PSK KG, Norderfriedrichskoog. In the former, Praktiker Grundstücksbeteiligungsgesellschaft mbH has held a stake worth € 2,457 thousand (equates to a share of 19.96 % in equity) since January 31, 2007 and in the latter a stake worth € 13,922 thousand (also equates to a share of 19.96 % in equity) since January 31, 2007.

Acquisition of participating interests

Earnings per share

Undiluted earnings per share are calculated by the ratio of profit attributable to equity donors and the average number of shares issued during the 3 month period.

(a) Undiluted

Earnings per share	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2007	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2006
Earnings allocable to equity providers (€)	-18,294	-11,143
Average number of shares issued (in thousands)	58,000	58,000
Undiluted earnings per share (€)	-0.32	-0.19

When determining diluted earnings per share, the profit attributable to equity donors adjusted to account for changes in expenses and income is used that would arise from the conversion of potential ordinary shares with a diluting impact. The average number of shares issued during the 3 month period is increased by the number of additional ordinary shares that would have been in circulation if all potential ordinary shares with a diluting impact had been converted.

(b) Diluted

Earnings per share	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2007	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2006
Earnings allocable to equity providers (€)	-18,308	-11,143
Average number of shares issued (in thousands)	62,419	58,000
Diluted earnings per share (€)	-0.29	-0.19

Split in net financial income

in € thousand	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2007	Jan. 01, – Mar. 31, 2006
Financial income	6,191	7,144
Financial expenses	–10,369	–5,783
Financial result	–4,178	1,361

Key changes in contingent liabilities

Obligations from operating lease contracts will become due in the subsequent periods amounting to a total of € 2,713 million (previous year: € 2,050 million), of which € 271 million (previous year: € 219 million) within one year, € 990 million (previous year: € 813 million) between one and five years and € 1,452 million (previous year: € 1,018 million) after more than five years.

Obligations from finance lease contracts will become due in the subsequent periods amounting to a total of € 433 million (previous year: € 244 million), of which € 36 million (previous year: € 20 million) within one year, € 131 million (previous year: € 79 million) between one and five years and € 266 million (previous year: € 145 million) after more than five years.

Related party transactions

Praktiker Holding AG Groups entertained no business relations to related parties in the three month period in 2007. For reasons of completeness the values for the three month period in 2006 are listed below:

in € thousand	Volume of goods/services provided in € mn.		Volume of goods/services received in € mn.	
	Mar. 31, 2007	Mar. 31, 2006	Mar. 31, 2007	Mar. 31, 2006
Supplies and other services	0.0	1.9	0.0	41.8
Financial relations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

In the case of services received, the services concerned largely relate to services such as cleaning, waste disposal and advertising provided by companies of METRO GROUP. They also include rental expenses.

In the case of services rendered, the services concerned largely relate to goods management remunerations provided to a service company of METRO GROUP.

METRO AG was considered a related party up until April 11, 2006. For reasons of delimitation, however, the above data only covers the period up until March 31, 2006 as the figures can only be determined on a monthly basis.

All business relations to affiliated companies and persons are contractually agreed and are fulfilled at prices that would be agreed with external third parties too.

Key events occurring after the end of the interim report period

No events of any significance occurred after the end of the interim report period.

Miscellaneous

As of March 31, 2007 Mr Walter Weber, board member of Praktiker Bau- und Heimwerkermärkte Holding AG hitherto responsible for accounting and taxation activities, stepped down from the board at his own request prematurely. His areas of responsibility will be covered by Mr Thomas Gabel.

Segment reporting

in € thousand	Domestic operations Mar. 31, 2007	Foreign operations Mar. 31, 2007	Reconciliation Mar. 31, 2007	Total Mar. 31, 2007
Net sales	671,661	206,493	-692	877,462
Other operating income	15,140	1,426	-1,728	14,838
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation	-12,318	5,314	0	-7,004
Earnings before interest, taxes and amortisation	-20,095	143	0	-19,952
Earnings before interest and taxes	-20,095	143	0	-19,952
Amortisation	7,777	5,171	0	12,948

Reconciliation of earnings before interest and taxes to net loss

in € thousand	Domestic operations Mar. 31, 2007	Foreign operations Mar. 31, 2007	Reconciliation Mar. 31, 2007	Total Mar. 31, 2007
Earnings before interest and taxes	-20,095	143	0	-19,952
Financial result				-4,178
Earnings before taxes				-24,130
Income taxes				6,032
Net loss				-18,098

in € thousand	Domestic operations Mar. 31, 2006	Foreign operations Mar. 31, 2006	Reconciliation Mar. 31, 2006	Total Mar. 31, 2006
Net sales	560,628	157,573	-549	717,652
Other operating income	13,801	1,614	-1,510	13,905
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation	-6,346	104	0	-6,242
Earnings before interest, taxes and amortisation	-11,534	-4,392	0	-15,926
Earnings before interest and taxes	-11,534	-4,392	0	-15,926
Amortisation	5,188	4,496	0	9,684

Reconciliation of earnings before interest and taxes to net loss

in € thousand	Domestic operations Mar. 31, 2006	Foreign operations Mar. 31, 2006	Reconciliation Mar. 31, 2006	Total Mar. 31, 2006
Earnings before interest and taxes	-11,534	-4,392	0	-15,926
Financial result				1,361
Earnings before taxes				-14,565
Income taxes				3,569
Net loss				-10,996

Notes to segment data

No division of segment reporting into primary and secondary areas has been undertaken. As Praktiker Group runs the do-it-yourself market business almost exclusively, the only split made is a geographical one based on the locations of the various DIY markets

Transfers between the various regions occur at prices that would be agreed with external third parties too.

The impact of consolidation measures were reported separately in the 'Reconciliation statement' column.

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