

Praktiker Annual General Meeting 2009

The vast majority of the present shareholders expressed their confidence in Praktiker's management and approved a dividend of 0.10 euro per share. Attendance at the Annual General Meeting was on previous year's level.

On May 27, 2009, at the 4th Annual General Meeting after the IPO in November 2005, Praktiker welcomed more than 100 interested shareholders to the Saarlandhalle in Saarbrücken. A particularly pleasing factor was the high attendance at the meeting measured on the basis of voting rights. At around 52 percent, this figure was on last year's level (57 percent). We regard this as a positive sign of a consistently high interest in our company. Just as pleasing was the broad majority with which those present approved the agenda items put to the vote, which can be seen as clear confirmation of the strategy chosen by the company. Counter-motions have not been submitted by any shareholder.

For the 2008 financial year, the shareholders approved a dividend of 0.10 euro per

A detailed breakdown of the voting results is given below:

	Agenda item	Approval*
Item 1	Receive Financial Statements and Statutory Reports for Fiscal 2008	-
Item 2	Resolution on utilisation of the retained earnings of Praktiker Bau- und Heimwerkermärkte Holding AG for the 2008 financial year	99.96%
Item 3	Resolution on discharge of the members of the Management Board for the 2008 financial year	99.98%
Item 4	Resolution on discharge of the members of the Supervisory Board for the 2008 financial year	99.98%
Item 5	Ratify PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors for Fiscal 2009	100.00%
Item 6	Authorize Share Repurchase Program and Reissuance or Cancellation of Repurchased Shares	96.24%
Item 7	Authorize Share Repurchase Program and Reissuance or Cancellation of Repurchased Shares via Equity Derivates	95.53%

* in percent of submitted votes



share. Based on the stock price at the close of 2008 this corresponds to a dividend yield of 1.3 percent.

CEO Wolfgang Werner justified the dividend payment, which is distinctly lower than in the previous years (0.45 euro),

with the priority being placed on securing earnings and liquidity. "We have to do everything possible to maintain a comfortable liquidity base also at the end of the current financial year" Werner stressed. Retaining most of the earnings will contribute to this.

Further information regarding the Annual General Meeting - including a webcast of the opening speech by CEO Wolfgang Werner (only in German) - are available on our website (www.praktiker.com > Investor Relations > Hauptversammlung).

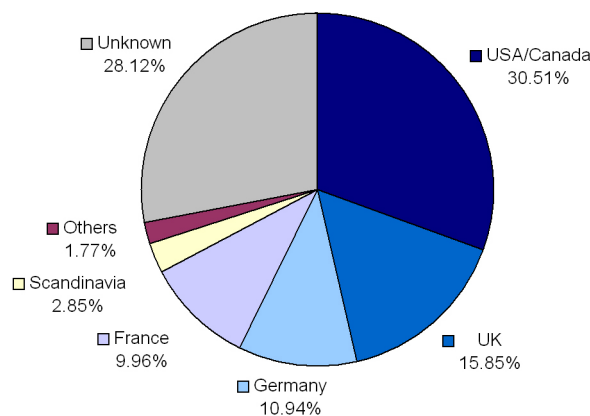
Voting rights exercised at Annual General Meeting grant insight into shareholder structure

Prior to the 2008 Annual General Meeting it was known from mandatory legal declarations of holdings exceeding or falling below reporting thresholds that seven investors held a total of around 30 percent of shares. There was no information on the remaining 70 percent. The Annual General Meeting temporarily provided greater transparency in this matter. This is because the registrations to exercise voting rights have allowed an insight into the larger portion of the shareholder structure currently in place and the changes since the last Annual General Meeting.

Around 72 percent of the 58 million voting rights were identified as part of the Annual General Meeting (previous year around 61 percent). It was observed that Anglo-American investors still hold the majority of shares. However, their combined share declined slightly compared to the 2008 Annual General Meeting from 48 percent to 46 percent. Nonetheless, a significant shift in shareholdings from the UK to North America was observed within this group of investors. The share of UK investors dropped significantly from around 25 percent to just under 16 percent, while the share of US and Canadian investors was up clearly on the previous year (around 23 percent) at approximately 31 percent.

At around 25 percent, significantly more investors than in the previous year (just under 16 percent) were identified in Continental Europe. The majority of these investors

were German and French with around 11 percent and 10 percent respectively. Around 3 percent of shares are held by Scandinavian investors.



50 million euro promissory note placed

Praktiker Bau- und Heimwerkmärkte Holding AG successfully placed a 50 million euro promissory note on the market. The borrowing serves to strengthen the capital base as well as diversifying the financing structure.

The promissory note was placed with both domestic and foreign investors from the banking sector. The duration is three years with a variable interest linked to 6-months-Euribor. The transaction was arranged by Dresdner Kleinwort and WestLB as lead arrangers. The promissory note was attractively priced at the lower end of the given range (400 bp above 6-months-Euribor).

Thomas Ghabel, CFO of Praktiker Bau- und Heimwerkmärkte Holding AG, explained: "The promissory note is a new financing instrument for us. It further secures our liquidity in times of recession and restrictive credit markets. In addition, it provides us with access to new investors and thus a segment of the capital market which we had not addressed until now. And above all, it enables us to diversify the maturity structure of our financial liabilities."

At the time the promissory note bond was raised, Praktiker had financial commitments from the convertible bond issued in 2006 amounting to 150 million euro and maturing in September 2011. At the same

time, the company is able to resort to a syndicated credit line of 200 million euro, which, for the predominant part, is firmly committed until 2013.

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