

Sword Group

Third quarter performance FY2010

Q3 Operating profitability has outperformed budget

€m	Q3		%
	2010 ⁽¹⁾	2009	
Consolidated Revenue	47.66	41.21	+15.7 %
Current Operating profit	9.24	7.11	+30.0 %
%	19.38 %	17.25 %	

⁽¹⁾ non audited

ANALYSIS

In line with Sword Group's strategy of favouring strong levels of operating profit, the year to date margin of 19.38 % is both ahead of budget and greater than the margins generated in FY2009.

The 15.7 % growth in profitability incorporates both growth which is due to the change in the Group's consolidation perimeter (acquisition of AgencyPort, disposal of the Austrian and Brazilian subsidiaries during FY2009) and the organic growth of 5.2 %.

The backlog position has increased to €441m, this represents 27 months trading, an increase of 1.7 months since 30th June 2010.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

The Group confirms that it is on target to meet its FY2010 budgeted profit of €35.2m. This represents a 10 % increase in comparison to the profit reported in FY2009.

SUMMARY OF INCOME STATEMENTS

€k	YTD 2010 ⁽¹⁾	YTD 2009
Consolidated Revenue	140 734	139 707
Current operating profit	25 982 (18.46 %)	24 099 (17.25 %)
Net consolidated profit	15 031 (10.68 %)	15 761 (11.28 %)
Net attributable profit	15 023 (10.67 %)	15 435 (11.05 %)

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Sword Group Q3 2010 ⁽¹⁾

Consolidated Revenue: €47.7m

Organic Growth: + 5.2 %

Operating Profitability: 19.4 %

Strong backlog position

On target for 2010 budgeted profit

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Employees: 1,819 (30/09/2010)

Stock Information

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