









### **SWORD GROUP**

## 2004 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

# **Strong and Steady Growth**

€K	2004	2003
	Consolidated	
Revenue	78 657	55 544
EBIT	12 549	8 920
Net Profit	8 116	5 091
Net attributable profit	7 903	4 893

# 2004

Consolidated Revenue: + 42%

• EBIT: 16%

• NP: + 61%

Organic Growth:+ 15%

• Dividend: + 33%

### 2005

- Budget
  - Consolidated Revenue:

€ 101m

- Proforma Revenue: € 112m
- Acquisitions: € 15m to € 25m of Revenue

### **Year 2004**

- Revenue:
- + 42% growth of consolidated revenue
- + 15% growth of revenue excluding acquisitions
- EBIT:

Consolidated EBIT is steady at 16% despite the integration of acquisition with lower EBIT

- Net cash position: € (3 784K)
  - Long term debt: € 11 392K
  - Short term debt: none
  - Cash and treasury investments: € 7 608K
- Shareholder's equity: € 54 538K
- Dividend:

A payment of €1.20 per share will be proposed at the Shareholders meeting on April 29, 2005

#### 2005 Outlook

The 2005 strategy is part of a 3-year business plan (2005-2007) For 2005:

- Revenue
  - Internal growth: 15 %
  - Stabilising revenue from 2004 acquisitions
  - Acquisitions of €15m to € 25m of revenue
- EBIT
- 16 % with respect to 2004 perimeter
- 15 % consolidated













#### **2005-2007 Strategy**

The group continues to focalise in offerings with high profitability and therefore will:

- Continue its technological specialisation: Document Management, Geographical Information Systems, Business Intelligence, Web Content Management, Artificial Intelligence
- Re-enforce its specialisation in "highly regulated" and strong added value markets: oil & gas, pharmaceutical, nuclear, banking, trademarks and patents
- Develop for these markets a strategy of complementary products to the solutions of main software publishers in these domains

#### Geographically, the group will:

- Continue its international growth and notably its acquisitions in countries with high profitability (Anglo-Saxon countries)
- Develop its already known capacity to export, notably in the banking domain
- Intensify the use of its Indian (Chennai) offshore platform for large projects sold in Anglo-Saxon countries

With regards to industrialisation, the group will:

- Continue its strategy of software components
- Develop two new sets of products allowing this division to generate 15 % of the total revenue as of 2005

#### > SWORD GROUP:

Founded in December 2000

Chairman and Founder: Jacques MOTTARD

895 employees as of 31/12/2004

Listed on Euronext Paris NM since 13/03/2002 Compartment C

Next Economy Segment Isin Code: FR0004180578 FTSE Sector: 972 IT services CAC Small 90, CAC Mid and Small 190 and SBF 250

Next meeting:
SFAF meeting, March 9, 2005
in Paris

> Upcoming press release: 2005 First-quarter sales April 12, 2005