

**Financial Announcement** Windhof - 2020, March 12th



YTD - 2019

Organic Growth at constant exchange rates:

FY2019 Results presentation meeting,

**2019 Annual Shareholders Meeting** 

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Dividend proposed to the General Meeting

in

+20.7%

Non audited Figures Percentages calculated in €k

**Agenda** 12/03/20

23/04/20 Publication of Q1 2020 Results

28/04/20

Dividend

€1.8 per share

10:00 am by Webcast

EBITDA Margin:

13.4 %

Consolidated Revenue:

€213.2 m

### Sword Group - Confirmation of the Performance Announced on January 27 2019: Strong Performance - Organic Growth +20% - Ebitda Margin Above 13% 2020 Objectifs: Organic Growth of 12% and Ebitda Margin of 13%\*

\* not including the impact of Coronavirus

FY2019 Consolidated Revenue: €213.2 m FY2019 Organic Growth: +20.7%

## **ANALYSIS**

2019 was stable within its perimeter with only one small acquisition, at the end of the year (November), so with no significant impact on the figures.

The company outperformed in terms of organic growth in relation to its initial budget, **+20.7%** compared with a budget of +12%.

It is important to note that in 2019, 100% of the Group's entities outperformed in relation to their budget.

With a **strong net cash position** (€70.8 million, not including the impact of IFRS 16), the Group has the wherewithal to pursue its dividend policy, to envisage strong organic growth, to fund new initiatives and to make acquisitions, if the market allows.

# CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS

€m	<b>2019</b> <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	2018	Growth
Revenue	213.2	171.4	+24.4%
EBITDA	28.6	20.1	+42.1%
EBITDA Margin	13.4%	11.8%	-

<sup>(1)</sup> Percentages calculated based on the figures in €K
<sup>(2)</sup> Taking into account the impact of IFRS 16
<sup>(3)</sup> Non audited figures

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The press release will be published on the web sites here after: Thomson Reuters and Sword Group. It was also sent to the "Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF)" and saved on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's website.

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# **POST-CLOSURE EVENTS**

Since January 2020, a Coronavirus epidemic, COVID-19 has spread from China.

For the moment, it is too soon to measure the impact of this phenomenon.

A detailed study of the contracts is underway and precise information will be published in the forthcoming weeks.

The Group is committed to communicating to the market as the situation evolves.

### **2020 OUTLOOK**

Without the Coronavirus crisis, Sword Group planned **organic growth** of **12%** combined with an **EBITDA margin** of **13%**<sup>+</sup>.

The Group will refine its forecasts from one month to the next so as to take into account the exogenous factors.

#### About Sword Group

Sword has **2,300+ IT/Digital & Software** specialists present over **5 continents** to accompany you in the growth of your organisation in the digital age. As a leader in **technological and digital transformation**, Sword has since **2000** acquired a solid reputation in software publishing and in complex IT & business project management.

With Sword you have the guarantee of **strong close** and qualified local commitment, the aim of which is to **optimise** your **processes and data.** 

#### [Methodological Note]

Regarding the definition of the alternative performance indicators mentioned above, their justification and their calculation methods, please refer to the relevant methodological note (paragraph 10 of the Annual Financial Report for 2018, Management Report, Pages 28 and 29) as published in the Annual Report ending on 31st December 2018. To access the

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