

Wolters Kluwer Half-Year 2007 Results

Organic Revenue Growth of 3%, EBITA Up 21%, Ordinary Earnings Per Share Increased 18% Full-Year Outlook Reiterated

Amsterdam (August 1, 2007) - Wolters Kluwer, a leading global information services and publishing company, today announced half-year 2007 results posting organic revenue growth of 3% and an increase in ordinary earnings per share of 18% (28% in constant currencies). Strong performance in organic growth and EBITA from the Corporate & Financial Services and Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe divisions fueled overall results. Performance of the Health and Tax, Accounting & Legal divisions for the first half of 2007 was in line with expectations. The sale of the Education division was successfully completed in June. The company reiterates its full-year 2007 guidance.

Highlights include¹:

Six months ended June 30, 2007:

- Revenues of €1,677 million, a 2% increase over the first half of 2006 (€1,645 million)
- Organic revenue growth of 3%, in line with full-year outlook (half year 2006: 2%)
- Continued strong growth of revenues from electronic products (48% of total revenues), double-digit online growth, and strong growth from services (16% of total revenues)
- Ordinary EBITA of €304 million, an increase of 21% over the first half of 2006 (€251 million)
- Ordinary EBITA margin of 18% (half-year 2006: 15%)
- Structural cost savings of €76 million, an increase of 31% over the first half of 2006
- Free cash flow of €118 million (half-year 2006: €154 million, impacted by one-time tax refund)
- Divestment of Education generated a book profit of €595 million and net proceeds of €665 million

Second-quarter 2007:

- Revenues of €830 million, slightly above second-quarter 2006 (€827 million)
- Organic revenue growth of 2%
- Ordinary EBITA of €146 million, an increase of 17% over second-guarter 2006 (€125 million)
- Ordinary EBITA margin of 18% (second-quarter 2006: 15%)
- Structural cost savings of €39 million, an increase of 30% over second-quarter 2006
- Free cash flow of €16 million (second-quarter 2006: €72 million, impacted by one-time tax refund)

Nancy McKinstry, CEO and Chairman of the Executive Board, commented on the company's half-year performance:

"Wolters Kluwer's half-year results are in line with expectations as we focus on executing our strategy to accelerate profitable growth by growing our leading positions, capturing key adjacencies, exploiting our global scale and scope, and embedding operational excellence throughout Wolters Kluwer. Our strong performance in key markets, in particular from Corporate & Financial Services in the U.S. and Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe, combined with good online and software growth, continued strengthening of our margins, and significant cost savings, has put us on track to meet our 2007 outlook.

"Additionally, the successful sale of our Education division enables us to further invest in strategic areas of our portfolio and undertake the share buy-back program we began in June, through which we are committed to return even greater value to our shareholders.

"Operationally, the business continues to gain momentum as we build on the foundation established by our successful three-year plan completed in 2006. With continued investments in product development, sales and marketing, and operational excellence we are confident we will meet our objective to accelerate profitable growth in 2007 and beyond."

¹ Half-year and second-quarter 2007 results reflect the Education division as discontinued operations following the March 26, 2007, announcement of its sale. 2006 results have been restated accordingly.



Key highlights by division:

<u>Health:</u> Overall flat organic revenue growth for the half year in line with expectations, with double-digit growth in Clinical Solutions and strong growth in Medical Research, offset by price compression in Healthcare Analytics' targeting and compensation product line, and the timing of wholesaler book orders at Professional & Education.

<u>Corporate & Financial Services:</u> Strong organic revenue growth of 7% for the half year, with continued strong performance from the Corporate Legal Services unit within its Corporate, UCC, and Litigation product lines, and good growth in core bank products and indirect lending within the Financial Services unit.

Tax, Accounting & Legal: Organic revenue growth of 2% for the half year, with continued strong results in Tax and Accounting, U.S. (5% organic growth) and Canada, partially offset by timing differences in the publishing schedule for Law & Business and workflow solutions in Australia compared with 2006.

<u>Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe</u>: Organic revenue growth of 3% for the half year, reflecting good growth in Central Eastern Europe, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, and Belgium, and strong growth in electronic solutions, software, and services. Significant improvement in operating margin reflects the success of the division's restructuring efforts.

<u>Reiteration of outlook for 2007 (continuing operations and in constant currencies²):</u>

Key Performance Indicators	2007
Organic revenue growth	4%
Ordinary EBITA margin	19-20%
Cash conversion ratio (CAR)	95-105%
Free cash flow	±€425 million
Return on invested capital ³	\geq WACC ⁴
Ordinary diluted EPS	€1.45-€1.50

Guidance per division	2007 organic revenue growth				
Health	2-3%				
Corporate & Financial Services	5-7%				
Tax, Accounting & Legal	4-6%				
Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe	2-4%				

2007 guidance

Cost savings: It is expected that cost savings will achieve a run-rate of €160 million.

Phasing: As was the case in 2006 and prior years, organic revenue growth is expected to accelerate in the second half of 2007.

 $^{^{2}}$ Constant rate EUR/USD = 1.26. Changes of the fair value of derivatives that impact the income statement are also eliminated to the extent that these result from currency fluctuations.

³ After tax

⁴WACC (weighted average cost of capital) is currently 8% after tax



Outlook beyond 2007⁵

Key Performance Indicators	Beyond 2007				
Organic revenue growth	4-5%				
Operating margins (ordinary EBITA margin)	Continuous improvement				
Ordinary diluted EPS	Double-digit growth				
Return on invested capital ⁶	> WACC ⁷				
Dividend policy	Progressive				
Target net-debt-to-EBITDA ratio	Approximately 2.5x				

Income statement figures

		Second	l quarter			Six months ended June 30			
				Change					Change
				constant					constant
	2007	2006	J .	currency		2007	2006	Change	currency
_			%	%				%	%
	830	827	0	4	Revenues	1,677	1,645	2	7
	115	97	19		Operating profit	242	196	24	
	14	12			Operating profit margin (%)	14	12		
					Profit for the period from				
	70	58	21		continuing operations	154	123	26	
	666	74			Total profit for the period	742	131		
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					Basic EPS from continuing				
	0.23	0.19	20		operations (€)	0.50	0.40	25	
					Diluted EPS from				
	0.22	0.19	19		continuing operations (€)	0.49	0.40	24	
	2.16	0.17	17		Basic EPS (€)	2.41	0.43	27	
	2.14	0.23			Diluted EPS (€)	2.38	0.42		

 $^{^{5}}$ Constant rate EUR/USD = 1.26. Changes of the fair value of derivatives that impact the income statement are also eliminated to the extent that these result from currency fluctuations.

⁶ After tax

⁷ WACC (weighted average cost of capital) is currently 8% after tax



	Second quarter						Six months ended June 30			
2007	2006	Change %	Change constant currency %		2007	2006	Change %	Change constant currency %		
146	125	17	21	Ordinary EBITA	304	251	21	27		
18	15			Ordinary EBITA margin (%)	18	15				
146	125	17	21	EBITA	304	251	21	27		
18	15			EBITA margin (%)	18	15				
87	76	14	22	Ordinary net income	181	153	18	29		
0.28	0.24	14	21	Ordinary diluted EPS (€) Ordinary diluted EPS in	0.58	0.49	18	28		
0.28	0.24	21		constant currencies (€)	0.60	0.47	28			

Other benchmark figures (from continuing operations)⁸ (All amounts are in millions of euros unless otherwise indicated)

Non income statement benchmark figures (continuing operations) (All amounts are in millions of euros unless otherwise indicated)

	Second quarter	r		Six mo	months ended June 30		
2007	2006	Change %		2007	2006	Change %	
0.73	0.79		Cash conversion ratio (CAR)	0.80	0.83		
16	72	(78)	Free cash flow Diluted free cash flow per	118	154	(23)	
0.05	0.24	(79)	share (in euros)	0.38	0.50	(24)	
			Net debt ⁹	1,362	2,116	(36)	
			Ultimo FTEs	17,679	16,682	6	

⁸ Wherever used in this press release, the term "ordinary" refers to figures adjusted for exceptional items and, where applicable, amortization of publishing rights. Exceptional items consist of restructuring expenses relating to initiatives that followed the three-year plan of 2003-06. "Ordinary" figures are non-IFRS compliant financial figures, but are internally regarded as key performance indicators to measure the underlying performance of the base business. These figures are presented as additional information and do not replace the information in the income statement and in the cash flow statement. The term "ordinary" is not a defined term under International GAAP.

⁹ Defined as: sum of (long-term) loans, unsubordinated convertible bonds, perpetual cumulative subordinated bonds, bank overdrafts minus cash and cash equivalents, and value of related derivative financial instruments.



Financial Performance

Revenues

First-half 2007 revenues of $\leq 1,677$ million grew 2% compared to the same period of 2006 ($\leq 1,645$ million), as a result of 3% organic growth and the contribution of acquisitions, partially offset by a weaker U.S. dollar (2007: EUR/USD = 1.33; 2006: EUR/USD = 1.23). Organic revenue growth, in constant currencies and excluding the impact of acquisitions and divestments, was driven by particularly strong results from Corporate & Financial Services (CFS) as well as good growth from Tax, Accounting & Legal (TAL), and Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe (LTRE).

Second-quarter revenues were &830 million, slightly higher than the same period of 2006 (&827 million) as 2% organic growth and the impact of acquisitions were partially offset by a weaker U.S. dollar. Organic growth was driven by the continued strong performance of CFS and TAL. Organic revenue growth in LTRE was impacted by the phasing of a French tradeshow which was held in the first quarter of 2007 rather than the second quarter as was the case in 2006.

Operating profit, profit for the period, EPS

First-half 2007 operating profit of ≤ 242 million grew 24% compared to the same period in 2006 (≤ 196 million), reflecting increased revenue growth, the contribution of acquisitions, and increased cost savings. The operating profit margin improved to 14%, compared to 12% in the first half of 2006.

Second-quarter operating profit of ≤ 115 million grew 19% compared to the same period of 2006 (≤ 97 million). The operating profit margin improved to 14%, compared to 12% in the second quarter of 2006.

In the first half of 2007, net financing costs increased to ≤ 55 million (same period of 2006: ≤ 48 million), reflecting the impact of higher interest rates and the redemption of the low-cost convertible bond in the fourth quarter of 2006.

The result on disposals mainly consists of the profit realized on the disposal of the 25.9% participation in Sdu Uitgevers by in the first quarter of 2007, and the disposal of Uitgeverij Nassau by in the second quarter of 2007.

The effective tax rate was 22% in the first half of 2007, in line with the same period of 2006.

First-half profit from continuing operations of €154 million grew 26% compared to the same period of 2006 (€123 million).

Diluted EPS from continuing operations grew by 24% to €0.49 for the first half of 2007.

Income from discontinued operations (Education division) of \in 588 million consists of the book profit of \notin 595 million related to the divestment on June 15, 2007, and the loss of the operations of \notin 7 million for the period January 1, 2007, to June 15, 2007.

Ordinary EBITA, ordinary net income, ordinary EPS

First-half 2007 ordinary EBITA of €304 million (ordinary EBITA margin 18%) grew 21% compared to €251 million (ordinary EBITA margin 15%) in the same period of 2006. Improvement was driven by strong revenue performance, contributions from acquisitions, and the increased benefits of cost savings.

Second-quarter ordinary EBITA of €146 million (ordinary EBITA margin 18%) grew 17% compared to €125 million (ordinary EBITA margin 15%) in the same period of 2006.

The tax rate on ordinary income before tax was 27%, which is in line with the first half of 2006 (26%).

Ordinary net income in the second quarter grew 14% to €87 million, and 18% to €181 million in the first half, reflecting the increase in ordinary EBITA.



Ordinary diluted EPS grew 18% to ≤ 0.58 in the first half of 2007 compared to the same period in 2006 (≤ 0.49), reflecting the strong underlying performance of the business, partially offset by the weaker U.S. dollar. Ordinary diluted EPS in constant currencies grew 28% to ≤ 0.60 in the first half of 2007 compared to the same period of 2006 (≤ 0.47).

Balance sheet, cash flow

First-half 2007 free cash flow was €118 million, compared to €154 million in the same period of 2006. Higher operating profit was offset by higher financing costs paid and corporate income tax paid, due to one-off refunds of corporate income tax in 2006, particularly during the second quarter.

Net proceeds from the Education divestment were €665 million.

Net debt decreased from $\leq 2,050$ million at December 31, 2006, to $\leq 1,362$ million at June 30, 2007 (June 30, 2006: $\leq 2,116$ million), mainly due to proceeds from the Education divestment and the sale of the shares of Sdu Uitgevers bv.

Wolters Kluwer started its previously announced share buy-back program on June 18, 2007. Through June 30, 2007, the company repurchased 2.7 million ordinary shares under this program, for a total consideration of €61 million. Cash payments for this program amounted to €44 million through June 30, 2007.



<u>`</u>		litions of euros unless otherwise indicated)			
Second	quarter		Six months ended		
			June	e 30	
2007	2006		2007	2006	
		Revenues			
186	201	 Health 	354	384	
133	132	 Corporate & Financial Services (CFS) 	268	267	
201	190	 Tax, Accounting & Legal (TAL) 	451	415	
310	304	 Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe (LTRE) 	604	579	
830	827	Total revenues	1,677	1,645	
		Operating profit			
13	13	 Health 	12	24	
32	25	 Corporate & Financial Services (CFS) 	67	50	
29	23	 Tax, Accounting & Legal (TAL) 	89	68	
51	44	 Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe (LTRE) 	92	71	
(10)	(8)	 Corporate 	(18)	(17)	
115	97	Total operating profit	242	196	
		Ordinary EBITA			
22	22	 Health 	29	41	
34	27	 Corporate & Financial Services (CFS) 	72	54	
41	30	 Tax, Accounting & Legal (TAL) 	113	85	
59	53	 Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe (LTRE) 	108	87	
(10)	(7)	 Corporate 	(18)	(16)	
146	125	Total ordinary EBITA	304	251	
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Division overview (continuing operations)¹⁰ (All amounts are in millions of euros unless otherwise indicated)

¹⁰ First-half 2006 figures for the TAL and LTRE divisions have been restated to reflect the transfer of the operations in the United Kingdom from LTRE to TAL. 2006 results of the Education division have been reclassified to discontinued operations.



Health

(All amounts are in millions of euros unless otherwise indicated)

	Second	quarter	Six months ended June 30					
2007	2006	Change %	Change constant currency %		2007	2006	Change %	Change constant currency %
186 13	201 13	(7) (6)	0	Revenues Operating profit	354 12	384 24	(8) (52)	0
22	22	(2)	3	Ordinary EBITA	29	41	(30)	(24)
12	11			Ordinary EBITA margin (%)	8	11		
5	8			Capital expenditure on fixed assets (CAPEX) Ultimo FTEs	12 2,608	10 2,622	(1)	

<u>Division focus.</u> Wolters Kluwer Health plays a leading role in driving medical excellence. Its products and services are used by professionals and organizations in almost every aspect of healthcare and across the world to advance knowledge and its application to improve patient care.

Health's first-half 2007 revenues of €354 million were flat compared to the same period of 2006, in constant currencies. Organic revenue growth was also flat, in line with expectations, and improved compared to (1)% in the first half of 2006. Strong growth is expected in the second half of the year, in line with 2006 performance. Book sales are again expected to show significant growth in the second half, driven by continued strong adoptions and the timing of the publication of new titles. The impact of strong sales in the drug information and documentation and coding product lines at Clinical Solutions is also expected to support accelerated growth. First-half ordinary EBITA margin declined to 8% from 11% in the same period of 2006, reflecting increased investments in sales and marketing to drive growth in the second half of 2007 and the purchase of new data sets at Healthcare Analytics. Second-quarter organic revenues were flat. Second-quarter ordinary EBITA margin increased to 12% (second-quarter 2006: 11%).

Pharma Solutions continued to strengthen core areas of its business, delivering strong performance in medical communications through increased customization services for the pharmaceutical industry. The unit also experienced increasing demand for its business intelligence product line. The unit's Healthcare Analytics business continued to see strong growth in its longitudinal product offerings and payer analytics suite, including the release of an enhanced health claims analyzer product that enables better assessment of patient treatment and response. The business completed the renewal of key targeting and compensation customers for 2008 except for Pfizer, and signed a significant longitudinal data contract with a leading pharmaceutical company. The business also added new data assets to ensure its leadership in longitudinal data products and its future growth.

Medical Research delivered strong performance, driven by increased Ovid online revenues. The unit also is on track for release of Ovid SP 1.0 in the second half of 2007. This comprehensive new version of Ovid offers enhanced search and additional functionality, further securing Ovid's position as the most relevant global medical search platform. Recent customer research ranked Ovid #1 in technological leadership, data quality, and search experience compared against six other providers, reinforcing the unit's strategic focus



on providing superior integrated content and workflow tools. The unit introduced new pricing to smooth customers' transition from print to online and to optimize the value of Wolters Kluwer's proprietary content delivered on Ovid.

Professional & Education's first-half 2007 results were impacted by the timing of wholesaler book orders. A return to strong growth is expected in the second half of 2007, as adoptions have accelerated over prior year and the front list for the second half is significant. The unit's journals business continued to focus on strengthening its society relationships and building new proprietary journals. The unit recently won two new society journal publishing agreements, and launched *Heart Insight*, a consumer-focused journal, with the American Heart Association and *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness* with the American Medical Association during the first half of 2007.

Clinical Solutions delivered double-digit organic growth, driven by strong performance in the drug information products, including winning a number of new contracts with major retail pharmacy chains. During the second quarter, ProVation Medical also secured new contracts for its procedure documentation and coding software and has a strong pipeline in place to support future growth. In addition, the unit is focused on globalization opportunities for its ProVation product line with planned expansion into Australia and New Zealand.

Corporate & Financial Services (CFS)

(All amounts are in millions of euros unless otherwise indicated)

	Second	quarter			Six months ended June 30				
2007	2006	Change %	Change constant currency %		2007	2006	Change %	Change constant currency %	
133 32	132 25	0 25	7	Revenues Operating profit	268 67	267 50	0 34	8	
34 26	27 21	23	32	Ordinary EBITA Ordinary EBITA margin (%)	72 27	54 20	32	42	
3	6			Capital expenditure on fixed assets (CAPEX) Ultimo FTEs	11 3,253	11 3,096	5		

<u>Division focus.</u> Wolters Kluwer Corporate & Financial Services (CFS) is a leading U.S. services and solutions provider for legal, banking, securities, and insurance professionals. The division's offerings include comprehensive content, technology, analytics, services, and solutions in the areas of compliance, litigation, governance, and intellectual property.

Corporate & Financial Services' first-half 2007 revenues were €268 million, an 8% increase in constant currencies compared to the same period of 2006. Organic revenue growth of 7% was largely driven by double-digit growth at Corporate Legal Services, which reflects continued strength across its Corporate & Governance, UCC, and Litigation business lines. Ordinary EBITA margin grew to 27% compared to 20% in the same period of 2006 due to the high incremental profit on revenue growth in its core business, ongoing improvements in its cost structure, and the benefits of lower restructuring costs. In the second quarter, total revenues increased 7% in constant currencies, while organic revenue growth was 5% and ordinary EBITA margin grew to 26%, compared to the second quarter of 2006 (21%).



Corporate Legal Services delivered double-digit organic revenue growth in the first half of 2007 driven by strong renewal levels in its representation product line, market share gains within the UCC business, and solid volume growth in its core corporate on-demand product lines, supported by strong M&A and IPO market dynamics. The unit enjoyed a record-setting first half for its annual report e-filing business and a record quarter for UCC filings. Additionally, it continued to improve CT Summation products by releasing a new version of its litigation case file review and hosting system, CaseVault 5.0. In support of Wolters Kluwer's strategy to grow its global footprint, CT TyMetrix opened a London office to better serve corporate legal departments and claims organizations in the United Kingdom and Europe.

Wolters Kluwer Financial Services reported solid results for the half year with particularly strong performance in its core banking, indirect lending, and insurance product lines as it focused on delivering more electronic and integrated solutions. Banking content showed good growth driven by new sales in the IRA support business and for the new ComplianceOne loan origination platform. This strong performance was partially offset by softness in its mortgage product line due to continued difficulties in the U.S. mortgage market. Financial Services also realized solid growth in its insurance and securities businesses as the launch of new products focused on recent regulatory changes, particularly in the area of securities risk management and anti-money laundering, met with good customer adoption. Financial Services launched its Securities Compliance Solutions in the United Kingdom in order to support its customers' compliance needs with increasingly global regulations.

Tax, Accounting & Legal (TAL)¹¹

(All amounts are in millions of euros unless otherwise indicated)

	Second	quarter			Six months ended June 30			
2007	2006	Change %	Change constant currency %		2007	2006	Change %	Change constant currency %
201 29	190 23	6 30	11	Revenues Operating profit	451 89	415 68	9 32	15
41 20	30 16	33	42	Ordinary EBITA Ordinary EBITA margin (%)	113 25	85 21	32	43
7	1			Capital expenditure on fixed assets (CAPEX) Ultimo FTEs	10 5,319	4 4,569	16	

<u>Division focus.</u> Wolters Kluwer Tax, Accounting & Legal (TAL) is a market-leading provider of research, software, and workflow tools in tax and accounting and in specialized key practice areas in the legal and business compliance markets.

Tax, Accounting & Legal's first-half 2007 revenues were €451 million, an increase of 15% in constant currencies compared to the same period of 2006, driven mainly by the Small Firm Services group consisting of ATX/Kleinrock and TaxWise, acquired in the second half of 2006. Organic revenue growth of 2% was driven by the continued strong performance of Tax and Accounting, U.S. and Canada, partially offset by timing differences in the publishing schedule for Law & Business and workflow solutions in Australia, compared with 2006. Ordinary EBITA margin grew to 25% compared to the same period of 2006 (21%),

¹¹ TAL's first-half 2006 figures have been restated to reflect the transfer of the operations in the United Kingdom to the TAL division from the LTRE division.



reflecting continued strong revenue performance, particularly from Tax and Accounting, U.S., the contribution from Small Firm Services, and the benefit of lower restructuring costs. Second-quarter revenues increased 11% in constant currencies, with 3% organic revenue growth. Ordinary EBITA margin grew to 20%, compared to the second quarter of 2006 (16%).

Tax and Accounting delivered good growth compared to 2006 supported by strong software and online revenue growth across all markets. In the United States, organic growth of 5% was driven by increased sales of the ProSystem fx software line, particularly ProSystem fx Tax, Document, Engagement, and Scan, which advanced the unit's paperless strategy for professionals. The continued strong performance of Accounting Research Manager, the Integrated Online Libraries, and the Sales and Use Tax group portfolio also contributed to good results and furthered the unit's content leadership. Small Firm Services realized good growth over prior year through gains in tax software sales and renewals, as well as bank products. The division extended its relationship with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service through additional services to the agency. CCH Canadian benefited from strong sales of its CCH Accountants' Suite, which leverages the U.S. ProSystem software line, and new online products to support organic growth of 4% through the half year. Sales were strong in China and the CCH India office, now fully operational, performed well. In Australia, growth was impacted by timing differences in its legal workflow solutions line compared with 2006. The launch of CCH ProSystem in Australia continued to build good sales momentum in the second quarter, offset by softness in the Australian publishing line. Tax and Accounting continued to invest in its new online platform, Atlas, expected to launch in late 2007, as well as .Net technology to support the next generation of tax and accounting software products.

Wolters Kluwer Law & Business delivered flat performance due to its publishing schedule, which is weighted to the second half of 2007 compared to 2006 when the majority of new products launched in the first half. The Legal Education group and Kluwer Law International showed good performance in the second quarter to drive organic growth of 3% for the unit. Advancing its strategy to provide specialized content and workflow tools to lawyers and business compliance professionals, the unit introduced new integrated workflow solutions, including the ChargeMaster Pro tool in the health reimbursement market. The acquisition of MediRegs in the second quarter also expanded the unit's offerings in the healthcare compliance market. Wolters Kluwer U.K., which was transferred to Law & Business at the beginning of 2007, benefited from the effects of restructuring with significantly improved operating margins.



Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe (LTRE)¹² (All amounts are in millions of euros unless otherwise indicated)

	Second	quarter			Six	c months	ended Jun	ie 30
2007	2006	Change %	Change constant currency %		2007	2006	Change %	Change constant currency %
310 51	304 44	2 17	2	Revenues Operating profit	604 92	579 71	4 30	4
59	53	13	12	Ordinary EBITA	108	87	24	24
19	17			Ordinary EBITA margin (%)	18	15		
11	6			Capital expenditure on fixed assets (CAPEX) Ultimo FTEs	17 6,403	12 6,302	2	

<u>Division focus.</u> Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe (LTRE) offers a broad range of information, software, and services to law firms, accounting firms, corporations, and governments. In each country where it is present, LTRE has established strong partnerships with its customers to enable innovative product development, delivery of integrated online and software solutions, and access to key authors and subject matter experts.

Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe's first-half 2007 revenues were €604 million, an increase of 4% compared to the same period of 2006. Organic revenue growth was 3%, with strong growth in Central Eastern Europe, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, and Belgium. Continued strong growth of electronic solutions, software, and services offset the decline of the division's legacy loose-leaf portfolio. Ordinary EBITA margin grew to 18% compared to 15% in the same period of 2006, reflecting strong organic revenue growth and the increased benefits of the restructuring and cost-management programs. Second-quarter revenues increased 2%, with organic revenue growth of 1%, impacted by the phasing of the Pharmagora trade fair in France, which was held in the first quarter in 2007 compared to the second quarter in 2006. Second-quarter ordinary EBITA margin improved to 19%, compared to the second quarter of 2006 (17%).

The division's revenue performance was driven by sales of online and software solutions as the markets across Europe continue to adopt these products. Several new and enhanced products were launched to support future growth. Wolters Kluwer Italy expanded the "Centric" solution, an integrated online software and information solution for the tax market. In France, the launch of WK Portals, which provide an integrated set of vital tools and information for pharmacists and human resources professionals, met with strong customer adoption.

The Netherlands delivered good growth supported by strong online revenues and the signing of a three-year contract to provide a comprehensive integrated online library of Kluwer content to all employees of the Dutch Central Government. Belgium also continued to deliver good organic growth, driven by increased legislative activity and the launch of several new products in its core markets, including TaxTalk.be, a corporate blog for and by professionals in tax law, accountancy, auditing, finance, and corporate law; and

¹² LTRE's first-half 2006 figures have been restated to reflect the transfer of the operations in the United Kingdom from the LTRE division to the TAL division.



Divide, a calculation tool for lawyers. The performance of both the Netherlands and Belgium demonstrates the successful restructuring of these units and their potential for continued growth.

Acquisitions continued to expand and strengthen core market positions throughout the division. The acquisition of LinkPower expanded Wolters Kluwer Belgium into the corporate in-house training segment, and the acquisition of Microlab further strengthened Wolters Kluwer Spain's leadership position in tax and accounting software.

Strong improvements in operating margins were delivered across Europe demonstrating the positive effects of restructuring. The division pursued additional operational excellence initiatives, such as editorial process optimization and sourcing initiatives, to support continuous improvement in operating results.

Corporate

(All amounts are in millions of euros unless otherwise indicated)

	Second	quarter		Six months ended June 30			
2007	2006	Change %		2007	2006	Change %	
(10) (10)	(8) (7)	25 28	Operating profit Ordinary EBITA	(18) (18)	(17) (16)	7 7	
0	1		Capital expenditure on fixed assets (CAPEX) Ultimo FTEs	0 96	1 93	3	

Corporate developments

Sale of Education

On June 15, 2007, Wolters Kluwer announced the completion of the sale of its Education division to Bridgepoint Capital Limited. The divestment generated a book profit of €595 million and net proceeds of €665 million.

Share buy-back

On June 18, 2007, Wolters Kluwer began its share buy-back program announced March 26, 2007. In connection with the divestment of the Education division, Wolters Kluwer announced its intention to return approximately \notin 475 million of the net proceeds from the sale of the Education division to shareholders through this program. The share buy-back ends on December 31, 2007, unless prior to such date the aggregate value of shares acquired exceeds the \notin 475 million; or if ten percent of the outstanding ordinary shares have been repurchased, including any ordinary shares already held by the company; or in the event of a corporate transaction regarding Wolters Kluwer. The total number of shares repurchased under this program to date is 7,053,619 ordinary shares for a total consideration of \notin 159.9 million.

Corporate office staff

Kevin Entricken began his appointment as Vice President of Investor Relations on June 1, 2007. Formerly, Mr. Entricken served as Chief Financial Officer of Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, part of the Tax, Accounting & Legal division.



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About Wolters Kluwer

Wolters Kluwer is a leading global information services and publishing company. The company provides products and services for professionals in the health, tax, accounting, corporate, financial services, and legal and regulatory sectors. Wolters Kluwer had 2006 annual revenues of \leq 3.4 billion, employs approximately 18,450 people worldwide, and maintains operations across Europe, North America, and Asia Pacific. Wolters Kluwer is headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Its shares are quoted on Euronext Amsterdam (WKL) and are included in the AEX and Euronext 100 indices. For more information, visit www.wolterskluwer.com.

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<u>Presentations by Senior Management on August 1, 2007 - Hilton Hotel Amsterdam</u> Press Conference: 10:00 AM CET; Investor/Analyst Meeting: 1:00 PM CET Both meetings will be webcast on the corporate website <u>www.wolterskluwer.com</u>

An interview with Nancy McKinstry, CEO and Chairman of the Executive Board, in video/audio and text is also available on the corporate website (<u>www.wolterskluwer.com</u>) and on <u>http://www.cantos.com</u>.



Consolidated Interim Financial Report

This report has been prepared in accordance with IFRS. The data in this report is unaudited. The interim financial information that was presented for 2006 has been restated to reflect the presentation of the Education division as discontinued operations and the transfer of the operations in the United Kingdom from the LTRE division to the TAL division.

Condensed consolidated income statement

Second qu	larter		Six month June	
2007	7 2006		2007	2006
830	827	Revenues	1,677	1,645
307	309	Cost of sales	610	607
523	518	Gross profit	1,067	1,038
154	159	Sales costs	312	318
223	234	 General and administrative costs General & administrative operating expenses Amortization of publishing rights and 	451	469
31	28		62	55
408		Total operating expenses	825	842
115	97	Operating profit	242	196
0	1	Income from investments	0	3
7	7	Finance income	13	16
(33)		Finance costs	(68)	(64)
3		Results on disposals	12	7
(1)	0	Share of profit of associates	(1)	0
91	72	Profit before tax	198	158
(21)	(14)	Income tax expense	(44)	(35)
70	58	Profit for the period from continuing operations	154	123
596	16	Discontinued operations	588	8
666	74	Total profit for the period	742	131
		Attributable to		
666	74	 Equity holders of the parent 	742	131
000		 Minority interests 	0	0
666		Profit for the period	742	131
0.23	0.19	Basic EPS from continuing operations (\in)	0.50	0.40
0.22		Diluted EPS from continuing operations(€)	0.49	0.40
2.16	0.24	Basic EPS (€)	2.41	0.43
2.14	0.23	Diluted EPS (€)	2.38	0.42



Condensed consolidated balance sheet

	June 30	, 2007	December	31, 2006	June 30	, 2006
Intangible assets	3,845		3,933		3,685	
Property, plant and equipment	153		163		170	
Investments in associates	18		18		19	
Financial assets	34		113		100	
Deferred tax assets	51		56		23	
Non-current assets of discontinued			50		20	
operations	-		105		105	
Total non-current assets		4,101		4,388		4,102
Inventories	85		72		76	
Trade and other receivables	813		940		892	
Income tax receivable	38		18		12	
Cash and cash equivalents	100		138		114	
Current assets of discontinued						
operations	-		97		156	
Total current assets	1,036		1,265	_	1,250	
Deferred income	932		975		880	
Trade and other payables	304		349		328	
Income tax payable	35		25		37	
Short-term provisions	12		21		22	
Borrowings and bank overdrafts	469		943		1,085	
Other current liabilities	315		437		284	
Current liabilities of discontinued						
operations	-		84		65	
Total current liabilities	2,067		2,834		2,701	
Working capital		(1,031)		(1,569)		(1,451)
Capital employed	-	3,070	-	2,819	-	2,651
Long-term debt		992		1,232		1,230
Deferred tax liabilities		179		185		130
Employee benefits		144		183		174
Provisions		8		10		12
Non-current liabilities of discontinued						
operations		-		13		14
Total non-current liabilities	_	1,323	-	1,623	-	1,560
Equity attributable to equity holders						
of the parent		1,745		1,194		1,090
Minority interests	_	2	-	2	-	1
Total equity	_	1,747		1,196		1,091
Total financing	-	3,070	-	2,819	-	2,651



(All amounts	are in m	nillions of euros unless otherwise indicated)		
Second qu	uarter		Six month June	
2007	2006		2007	2006
		Cash flows from operating activities		
115	97	Operating profit	242	196
51	48	Amortization and depreciation	101	96
(34)	(24)		(51)	(46)
132	121	Cash flow from operations	292	246
(48)	(42)		(86)	(67)
(37)	19	Paid corporate income tax	(43)	23
(6)	(6)	Appropriation of restructuring provisions	(10)	(19)
4	4	Share-based payments	9	9
(4)	(2)	Other	(1)	0
41	94	Net cash from operating activities	161	192
		Cash flows from investing activities		
(26)	(22)	Net capital expenditure	(50)	(38)
(18)	(34)		(52)	(433)
4	0	Receipts from disposal of activities	83	2
1	0	Dividends received	7	0
4	7	Cash from derivatives	4	1
(35)	(49)	Net cash from/(used for) investing activities	(8)	(468)
		Cash flows from financing activities		
1	1	Exercise share options	2	3
(567)	(3)	Redemption loans	(719)	(6)
-	61	New loans	-	144
13	(34)	Movements in bank overdrafts	16	(5)
(111)	(80)	Dividend payments	(111)	(80)
(44)	(19)	Repurchased shares	(44)	(19)
(708)	(74)	Net cash from/(used for) financing activities	(856)	37
(702)	(29)	Net cash from/(used for) continuing operations	(703)	(239)
		Cash flows from discontinued operations		
32	(35)	Net cash from/(used for) operating activities	0	(73)
667	(1)	Net cash from/(used for) investing activities	665	(2)
0	Ó	Net cash from/(used for) financing activities	0	Ó
	-	Net cash flow from/(used for) discontinued	-	-
699	(36)	operations	665	(75)
		Net cash from/(used for) continuing and		
(3)	(65)	discontinued operations	(38)	(314)
101	177	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	138	428
2	2	Exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents	0	0
103	179		138	428
100	114	Cash and cash equivalents as at June 30	100	114
		-		

Condensed consolidated cash flow statement



(Att unbuilts are in mittions of earbs antess otherwise malcated)		
	Six mont	hs ended
	June 30	
	2007	2006
Total profit for the period	742	131
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	(40)	(125)
Gains/(losses) on hedges of net investments in foreign operations	6	33
Gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	3	-
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit plans	5	58
Tax on items taken directly to or transferred from equity	(4)	(18)
Net income recognized directly in equity	(30)	(52)
Total recognized income and expense for the period	712	79
Attributable to		
 Equity holders of the parent 	712	79
 Minority interest 	0	0
	712	79

Condensed consolidated statement of recognized income and expense

(All amounts are in millions of euros unless otherwise indicated)

Condensed statement of the changes in equity

		2007		2006
	Shareholders' equity	Minority interest	Total equity	Total equity
Balance at January 1	1,194	2	1,196	1,099
Total recognized income and expense for the period	712		712	79
Cash dividend Share-based payments	(111) 9		(111) 9	(80) 9
Exercise of share options Repurchased shares	2 (61)		2 (61)	3 (19)
Position at June 30	1,745	2	1,747	1,091



Selected Explanatory Notes

Statement of compliance

These consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. They do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Group at and for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Accounting policies

The consolidated financial information has been prepared in accordance with IFRS and its interpretations, including International Accounting Standards (IAS) as adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and as endorsed for use in the European Union by the European Commission. The accounting policies applied in these interim financial statements are the same as those applied in the 2006 Annual Report.

Discontinued operations

On June 15, 2007, Wolters Kluwer announced the completion of the sale of its Education division. IFRS 5 requires companies to report the financial information of discontinued operations separately from continuing operations. Consequently, the financial information of the Education division for 2007 has been presented separately under the caption "discontinued operations." The financial information for 2006 has been restated accordingly.

Estimates

The preparation of interim financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates, and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income, and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. In preparing these consolidated interim financial statements, the significant judgments made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial statements at and for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Special items contained in the interim financial report

Seasonality

Some of our businesses are impacted by seasonal purchasing patterns. Revenues of Wolters Kluwer's tax and regulatory businesses are strongest in the fourth and first quarters, in line with statutory (tax) filing requirements. The Health business also has strong fourth-quarter sales due to the buying behavior of key wholesalers that serve the education and professional markets. The cash flow is typically strongest in the fourth quarter as calendar-year subscription renewals are received.

Acquisitions and disposals

Acquisitions

Total net acquisition spending in the first six months of 2007 was €52 million, including payments for acquisitions made in previous years.

Disposals

On March 6, 2007, Wolters Kluwer announced the sale of its 25.9% participation in Sdu Uitgevers bv, the Hague, the Netherlands. Sale price for the transfer of ownership was €85 million, which includes a settlement for the dividend for the year 2006 of €6 million.

On April 12, 2007, Wolters Kluwer announced the sale of Uitgeverij Nassau bv. Nassau was part of the LTRE division, has annual revenues of approximately €11 million and 70 employees.



Discontinued operations, disposal of the Education division

On June 15, 2007, Wolters Kluwer announced the completion of the sale of its Education division for a total consideration of €774 million. A gain of €595 million was recorded on the sale. Net proceeds amounted €665 million.

Profit for the period from discontinued operations

(all amounts are in millions of euros)

	June 30, 2007
Post-tax loss of discontinued operations	(7)
Post-tax gain on the disposal of the Education	595
division	
Profit for the period	588

Post-tax gain/(loss) of discontinued operations

	January 1 - June 15, 2007	January 1 - June 30, 2006
Revenues	80	125
Expenses	(90)	(114)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(10)	11
Income tax	3	(3)
Profit/(loss) for the period	(7)	8

Post-tax gain on the disposal of the Education division:

	June 30, 2007
Gain before tax on the disposal	599
Income tax	(4)
Profit for the period	595

The sale of the shares of the Education businesses is mainly tax exempt, due to the application of the participation exemption.

Issuances, repurchases, and repayments of debt and equity securities, and dividends paid

In the first six months of 2007, no issuances or repurchases of debt securities occurred. In June 2007 subordinated bonds 1997-2007 were repaid for an amount of €227 million.

No issuances of equity instruments other than 3,147,856 shares for stock dividend occurred. The annual cash dividend of €111 million was paid in May.

On June 18, 2007, Wolters Kluwer began its previously announced share buy-back program. By June 30, 2007, the company repurchased 2,717,017 ordinary shares under this program, for a total consideration of €61 million (cash out-flow €44 million).

Under the 2007-09 Long-Term Incentive Plan, 1,238,940 shares were conditionally awarded to the Executive Board and other senior managers of the company in the first six months of 2007 (8,000 in the second quarter). 7,400 shares were forfeited in the first six months of 2007 (all in the second quarter). Related to LTIPs 2005-07 and 2006-08, 221,300 shares were forfeited in the first six months of 2007 (120,500 in the second quarter).

The expenses of the Long-Term Incentive Plans have been determined in accordance with IFRS 2 and are recognized ratably over the vesting period.



Under LTIP 2004-06, Wolters Kluwer reached the fourth position in the Total Shareholder Return ranking of its peer group of 16 companies. As a result, in the first quarter of 2007 the company released 125% of the conditional number of shares awarded in 2004 to the Executive Board and other senior managers of the company, which equals a total number of 1,461,875 shares. The company issued 461,875 new shares and released 1 million treasury shares.

In the first six months of 2007, 1,509,750 share options were withdrawn (94,000 in the second quarter) and 181,000 share options were exercised (109,000 in the second quarter), for a total value of \notin 2 million that was received by the company.



Other information

Reconciliation of benchmark figures (from continuing operations) (All amounts are in millions of euros unless otherwise indicated)

Reconciliation between operating profit, EBITA, and ordinary EBITA

Second quarter			Six months ended June 30	
2007	2006		2007	2006
115	97	Operating profit	242	196
31	28	Amortization of intangible fixed assets	62	55
146	125	EBITA	304	251
-	-	Exceptional restructuring expense	-	-
146	125	Ordinary EBITA	304	251

Reconciliation between profit for the period and ordinary net income

Second quarter			Six months ended June 30	
2007	2006		2007	2006
		Profit for the period attributable to		
70	58	the equity holders of the parent (A)	154	123
31	28	Amortization of intangible fixed assets	62	55
(11)	(10)	Tax on amortization	(23)	(20)
(3)	-	Results on disposals (after taxation)	(12)	(5)
		Exceptional restructuring expense		
-	-	(after taxation)	-	-
87	76	Ordinary net income(B)	181	153

Reconciliation between cash flow from operating activities and free cash flow

Second quarter		Six months ended June 30		
2007	2006		2007	2006
41	94	Net cash from operating activities	161	192
(26)	(22)	Net capital expenditure	(50)	(38)
1	0	Dividends received	7	0
16	72	Free cash flow (C)	118	154

Reconciliation between cash flow from operations and the cash conversion ratio (CAR)

Second quarter			Six months ended .	June 30
2007	2006		2007	2006
132	121	Cash flow from operations	292	246
(26)	(22)	Net capital expenditure	(50)	(38)
146	125	Ordinary EBITA	304	251
0.73	0.79	CAR (Cash flow from operations minus net capital expenditure divided by ordinary EBITA)	0.80	0.83



Second qua	arter		Six months ended	June 30
2007	2006		2007	2006
308.7	306.6	Weighted average number of shares (D) Diluted weighted average number of	307.5	305.5
312.9	322.4	shares (E)	311.8	320.9
		Correction to income of convertible bond (net of taxes) on assumed		
-	3	conversion (F)	-	5
0.28	0.25	Ordinary EPS (B/D) Ordinary diluted EPS (minimum of	0.59	0.50
0.28	0.24	ordinary EPS and [(B+F)/E] Ordinary diluted EPS in constant	0.58	0.49
0.28	0.24	currencies	0.60	0.47
0.23	0.19	Basic EPS from continuing operations (A/D) Diluted EPS from continuing operations	0.50	0.40
0.22	0.19	(minimum of EPS and [(A+F)/E]	0.49	0.40
0.05	0.24	Free cash flow per share (C/D) Diluted free cash flow per share (minimum of free cash flow per share	0.38	0.51
0.05	0.24	and (C+F)/E)	0.38	0.50

Earnings per share (EPS) calculations (in euros unless otherwise indicated)



Health

Second quarter				Change (in millions)				
		2007	2006	Organic	Acquisition/ Divestment	Currency	Total	
In millions								
Revenues Ordinary EBITA	EUR EUR	186 22	201 22	0 1	0 0	(15) (1)	(15) 0	
Revenues Ordinary EBITA	USD USD	251 29	251 28	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 1	
Ordinary EBITA margin		12	11					

Corporate & Financial Services (CFS)

Second quarter				Change (in millions)				
		2007	2006	Organic	Acquisition/ Divestment	Currency	Total	
In millions								
Revenues Ordinary EBITA	EUR EUR	133 34	132 27	7 8	3 1	(9) (2)	1 7	
Revenues Ordinary EBITA	USD USD	179 46	167 35	9 10	3 1	0 0	12 11	
Ordinary EBITA margin		26	21					

Tax, Accounting & Legal (TAL)

Second quarter				Change (in millions)				
		2007	2006	Organic	Acquisition/ Divestment	Currency	Total	
In millions								
Revenues Ordinary EBITA	EUR EUR	201 41	190 30	6 7	15 6	(10) (2)	11 11	
Revenues Ordinary EBITA	USD USD	270 55	237 38	8 9	19 7	6 1	33 17	
Ordinary EBITA margin		20	16					



Ordinary EBITA

margin

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Second quarte			Change (in millions)			
		2007	2006	Organic	Acquisition/	Currency
				-	Divestment	
In millions		_				
Revenues	EUR	310	304	3	2	1
Ordinary EBITA	EUR	59	53	5	1	0

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Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe (LTRE)

Total

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