### 2014 Full-Year Results

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### Introduction

Guidance met, organic growth improved, returning cash

2014 results in line with guidance set at the start of the year

- Adjusted operating margin 21.0%, within guidance range
- Adjusted EPS up +3% at constant currencies, in line with guidance
- Adjusted free cash flow €516 million, better than expected

Organic revenue growth improves to +2%

- Leading high growth positions sustain +7% organic growth
- Digital and services revenues grow +5% organically
- In 2015, we expect further progress
  - Continued restructuring, mainly in Europe
  - Stepped up organic investment in sales and marketing and new products
  - Reviewing strategic options for Transport Services
  - Up to €140 million cash return to shareholders

# Strategic progress

Key achievements 2014



- Delivered 7% organic growth in our leading, high growth positions; Double-digit growth in faster-growing economies
- Expanded CLS with acquisition of Datacert
- Implemented several small disposals
- Digital and services revenues grew +5%
- Sustained investment in new and enhanced products at 8-10% of revenues
- Advancing cloud-based and mobile offering
- Completed major restructuring
- Optimizing print products to drive value
- Leveraged technology investments across borders

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### Full-year 2014 results

Results in line with guidance; organic growth improves to 2%

(€ million, unless otherwise stated)	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ	Δ CC	ΔOG
Revenues	3,660	3,565	+3%	+3%	+2%
Adjusted operating profit	768	765	0%	0%	-1%
Adjusted operating profit margin	21.0%	21.5%			
Diluted adjusted EPS	€1.57	€1.56	+1%	+3%	
Adjusted free cash flow	516	503	+3%	+1%	
Net-debt-to-EBITDA ratio	2.1x	2.2x			
Return on Invested Capital	8.5%	<b>8.7</b> %			

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### **Revenues by division**

Tax & Accounting, Health and Financial & Compliance Services support organic growth

(€ million)	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ	Δ CC	ΔOG
Legal & Regulatory	1,497	1,447	+3%	+4%	-1%
Tax & Accounting	946	965	-2%	-1%	+3%
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#### FY 2014 Revenues

### **Revenues by region**

Organic growth driven by North America and Asia Pacific & ROW

(€ million)	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ	∆ CC	ΔOG
North America	1,999	1,924	+4%	+5%	+3%
Europe	1,373	1,387	-1%	-1%	0%
AsiaPac & ROW	288	254	+13%	+12%	+7%
Total revenues	3,660	3,565	+3%	+3%	+2%

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### **Revenues by media format**

Digital revenues up 6% organically, growing in all divisions

(€ million)	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ	ΔCC	ΔOG
Digital	2,472	2,286	+8%	+8%	+6%
Services	453	454	0%	0%	0%
Print	735	825	-11%	-10%	- <b>9</b> %
Total revenues	3,660	3,565	+3%	+3%	+2%

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## Adjusted operating profit

Margin decline due to increased restructuring

(€ million)	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ	∆ CC	∆ OG	Margin FY 2014	Margin FY 2013
Legal & Regulatory	305	313	-3%	-3%	-6%	20.3%	21.6%
Tax & Accounting	250	259	-3%	-3%	-3%	26.4%	26.8%
Health	197	175	+13%	+11%	+11%	24.1%	22.6%
Financial & Compliance Services	65	64	+1%	0%	-2%	16.3%	17.1%
Corporate	(49)	(46)	+6%	+6%	+6%		
Adjusted operating profit	768	765	0%	0%	-1%	21.0%	21.5%

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#### FY 2014 Adjusted Operating Profit



### **Restructuring costs**

Excluding restructuring, margin up 10 basis points

- Restructuring is included in adjusted operating profit
- Restructuring costs increased to €36 million in 2014
- Majority of restructuring costs were in Legal & Regulatory and Tax & Accounting

(€ million, unless otherwise stated)	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ	∆ CC	ΔOG
Adjusted operating profit before restructuring	804	780	+3%	+3%	+1%
Adjusted operating profit margin before restructuring	22.0%	21.9%			
Restructuring costs	(36)	(15)			
Total adjusted operating profit	768	765	0%	0%	-1%
Adjusted operating profit margin	21.0%	21.5%			

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# Adjusted net profit and EPS

Diluted adjusted EPS up +3% in constant currencies

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Revenues	3,660	3,565	+3%	+3%
Adjusted operating profit	768	765	0%	0%
Adjusted operating profit margin	21.0%	21.5%		
Adjusted net financing costs	(113)	(117)		
Equity-accounted investees, net of tax	(1)	(1)		
Adjusted profit before tax	654	647	+1%	+3%
Tax on adjusted profit	(182)	(178)		
Effective benchmark tax rate	27.6%	27.6%		
Non-controlling interests	(2)	(2)		
Adjusted net profit	470	467	+1%	+3%
Diluted weighted average shares (million)	299.9	299.5		
Diluted adjusted EPS	€1.57	€1.56	+1%	+3%

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# IFRS profit and diluted EPS

Non-recurring gains and tax benefits drive IFRS net profit up +37%

(€ million, unless otherwise stated)	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ
Adjusted operating profit	768	765	0%
Amortization of acquired intangibles	(192)	(185)	
Results on divestments of operations	10	47	
Acquisition integration costs and other non-benchmark items	(17)	(8)	
Operating profit	569	619	-8%
Financing results <sup>1)</sup>	(56)	(128)	
Share of profit of equity-accounted investees, net of tax	(1)	(1)	
Profit before tax	512	490	+5%
Income tax expense	(38)	(137)	
Effective tax rate	7.4%	<b>28.0</b> %	
Profit after tax	474	353	+35%
Loss on discontinued operations, net of tax	-	(7)	
Profit for the year	474	346	+37%
Non-controlling interests	(1)	(1)	
Profit for the year to the owners of the Company	473	345	+37%
Diluted EPS	€1.58	€1.15	+37%

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1) Financing results include employee benefits financing costs of  $\in 5$  million (2013:  $\in 5$  million), a  $\in 14$  million loss on divestment of investments available-for-sale (2013: write-down of  $\in 18$  million) and a  $\in 76$  million revaluation gain on our minority interest in Datacert (2013: disposal gain of  $\in 12$  million)



### Adjusted free cash flow

#### Cash conversion better than expected

(€ million, unless otherwise stated)	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ	∆ CC
Adjusted operating profit	768	765	0%	0%
Depreciation and amortization of other intangibles	140	132		
Adjusted EBITDA	908	897	+1%	+1%
Capital expenditure	(148)	(148)		
Autonomous movements in working capital	4	(22)		
Adjusted operating cash flow	764	727	+5%	+3%
Cash conversion ratio	<b>100</b> %	<b>95</b> %		
Paid financing costs	(135)	(115)		
Paid corporate income tax, adjusted for Springboard	(119)	(103)		
Net change in restructuring provision <sup>1)</sup>	(9)	(11)		
Other <sup>2)</sup>	15	5		
Adjusted free cash flow	516	503	+3%	+1%

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1) Excludes Springboard appropriation, additions to acquisition integration and additions after divestments (2013)

2) Other includes share-based payments, dividends received, and other



#### **Movement in net debt** *Net debt reduced*

(€ million, unless otherwise stated)	FY 2014	FY 2013
Net debt at January 1	(1,988)	(2,086)
Adjusted free cash flow	516	503
Dividends paid	(209)	(204)
Springboard restructuring, net of tax	(4)	(10)
Free cash flow after dividends and Springboard	303	289
Other sources and uses of cash flow:		
Acquisition spending, net of cash acquired, including costs	(189)	(198)
Divestiture cash proceeds, including costs, net of tax	27	60
Share repurchases	(25)	(27)
Discontinued operations, net of cash disposed of	-	(13)
Change in the fair value of derivatives	(18)	(16)
Foreign exchange and other	(7)	3
Movement in net debt	91	98
Net debt at December 31	(1,897)	(1,988)
Net-debt-to-EBITDA ratio	2.1x	2.2x



#### Leverage Net-debt-to-EBITDA below target level

#### Net-Debt-to-EBITDA (Ratio)



## Debt maturity profile

#### Next major debt maturity not until in 2018

- May 2014: Issued new 10-year €400 million Eurobond with 2.5% coupon
- July 2014: Renewed €600 million multi-currency credit facility



### **Returns to shareholders**

Increasing cash returns

- Progressive dividend policy: ninth consecutive year of increase
- Share buy-back of up to €140 million in 2015



1) Dividend declared for the year indicated



#### Summary

- Revenues up +2% organically
  - Leading, high growth positions +7%
  - Digital & services revenues +5%
- Adjusted operating profit of €768 million; margin reflects increased restructuring
- Diluted adjusted EPS €1.57, up +3% in constant currencies
- Adjusted free cash flow of €516 million, up +1% in constant currencies
- Net-debt-to-EBITDA ratio of 2.1x, better than target

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### Legal & Regulatory

Continued print decline; margin impacted by restructuring

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#### **Corporate Legal Services**

- Revenue +5% organically, buoyed by Q4 transactional revenues
- Transactional revenue +7%, benefitting from one time customer projects in Q4
- Strong renewal rates for legal representation services
- Integration of Datacert and TyMetrix (*ELM Solutions*) on track; both achieve strong revenue growth

#### Legal & Regulatory Solutions

- Organic revenue decline -3%, in line with prior year
- Digital revenues grow +3% organically
- Printed loose leafs and books see continued decline
- Restructuring initiatives expanded

### Tax & Accounting

Software grows 5% globally; margins reflect increased restructuring

€ million	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ	∆ CC	ΔOG
Revenues	946	965	-2%	-1%	+3%
Adjusted operating profit	250	259	-3%	-3%	-3%
Margin	26.4%	26.8%			

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#### **North America**

- Software revenues up +5%, with both on-premise and cloud solutions performing well
- Print formats and bank product fees remain under pressure
- Restructured editorial and production

#### Europe

- Improved organic growth led by Germany, Spain and Scandinavia
- Investing in cloud-based and collaborative solutions

#### Asia Pacific & ROW

- Positive organic growth, enhanced by one-time sales in Q4
- Restructuring to create software development centers of excellence
- Brazil sees double-digit growth. China expanded with Dingxin Chuangzhi

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#### Health

#### Organic growth +5%; margin up 150 basis points

€ million	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ	∆ CC	ΔOG
Revenues	816	775	+5%	+5%	+5%
Adjusted operating profit	197	175	+13%	+11%	+11%
Margin	24.1%	22.6%			

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#### **Clinical Solutions**

- Double-digit organic growth, with strong performances across most product areas and in all regions globally
- UpToDate completed global launch of its mobile access platform and introduced 22<sup>nd</sup> specialty
- Sustained investment in new product development

# Medical Research, Professional & Education

- Combined revenues broadly flat on organic basis, with digital growth offset by print decline
- Ovid and online journals saw good growth; P&E e-learning and other digital solutions grew 50%+ organically
- Printed journals and books decline

## Financial & Compliance Services

Organic growth +4%; margin reflects lower transaction volumes, investment and restructuring

€ million	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ	∆ CC	ΔOG
Revenues	401	378	+6%	+6%	+4%
Adjusted operating profit	65	64	+1%	0%	-2%
Margin	16.3%	17.1%			

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#### Finance, Risk & Compliance

 Organic growth in double-digits, driven by strong software license and professional services sales in Q4

#### Audit

- Robust organic growth
- New customer wins for *TeamMate* globally more than absorb effect of product rationalization

#### Originations

- Revenue and margins impacted by downturn in U.S. mortgage refinancing market
- FS Transactional revenue down -6%, including one-off regulatory driven transaction sales in Q4

#### Transport Services (Europe)

 Revenue decline; transition to subscription model nearly complete

# Progress on strategic goals

Our strategy aims to accelerate profitable growth



- Focus the majority of our investments on high growth segments where we have achieved market leadership
- Invest in products and services to deliver the tailored solutions and insights our professional customers need to make critical decisions and increase their productivity
- Find more ways to drive efficiencies in areas such as sourcing, technology, real estate, organizational processes, and distribution channels

#### **1. Expand our leading, high growth positions** *Our leading, high growth positions in total grew 7% organically*

Wolters Kluwer Revenue FY 2014 Leading, high growth units within divisions (48% of total revenues)



1) Includes the Finance, Risk & Compliance and Audit units within the F&CS division



# Improved organic growth

#### Revenue KPIs showing progress



Both years reflect new product classification introduced in 2014



# 2. Deliver solutions and insights

Improve our customers' productivity and outcomes



### 3. Drive efficiencies

Creating global scale and savings in our operations



Legal & Regulatory and Tax and Accounting

- Outsourcing print, automating editorial & production and consolidating real estate
- Streamlined editorial & production and creating centers of excellence in software development

#### Financial & Compliance:

Transport Services adjusted cost base to align with declined revenue

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### **Divisional Outlook 2015**

Legal & Regulatory	<ul> <li>Corporate Legal Services to see organic growth, albeit at a more moderate pace in the second half</li> <li>Division, including Legal &amp; Regulatory Solutions, to see organic revenue decline and modest margin contraction</li> </ul>
Tax & Accounting	<ul> <li>Revenue momentum similar to 2014, with growth in software solutions more than offsetting decline in print and bank products</li> <li>First half growth to be more muted due to normal seasonal patterns</li> <li>Margin expected to improve modestly</li> </ul>
Health	<ul> <li>Steady revenue growth, driven by robust growth in Clinical Solutions</li> <li>Medical Research, Professional &amp; Education likely to see growth in digital offset by continued decline in print</li> <li>Margin improvement despite product investment and restructuring</li> </ul>
Financial & Compliance Services	<ul> <li>Finance, Risk &amp; Compliance and Audit to see moderate organic growth, following double-digit growth in 2014</li> <li>Market conditions for Originations are mixed, with refinancing volumes still weak but new regulations offering opportunities</li> </ul>



### Guidance 2015

Performance indicators	FY 2015 Guidance
Adjusted operating profit margin	21.0%-21.5%
Adjusted free cash flow	€500-€525 million
Return on invested capital	≥ <b>8</b> %
Diluted adjusted EPS	Mid-single-digit growth

Guidance for adjusted free cash flow and diluted adjusted EPS is in constant currencies (EUR/USD 1.33). Guidance for EPS growth reflects the announced share repurchases. Adjusted operating profit margin and ROIC are in reported currency

#### Additional information:

- Expect adjusted net financing costs of approximately €100 million, excluding the impact of exchange rate movements
- Expect benchmark effective tax rate to be between 27% and 28%
- Expect cash conversion ratio to be in line with our historic average of 95% and capital expenditure between 4% and 5% of revenue



# Q&A

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### **Revenue and operating profit breakdown**



2014 Full-Year Results

#### **Revenues by type**

(€ million)	FY 2014	FY 2013	Δ	ΔCC	ΔOG
Digital and services subscriptions	2,155	2,016	+7%	+7%	+5%
Print subscriptions	341	387	-12%	-10%	-8%
Other recurring	281	274	+2%	+2%	+1%
Recurring revenues	2,777	2,677	+4%	+4%	+3%
Print books	289	322	-11%	-11%	-10%
CLS transactional	215	191	+13%	+13%	+7%
FS transactional	37	39	-5%	-5%	-6%
Other non-recurring	342	336	+2%	+2%	+3%
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# Reconciliation: Adjusted net financing costs to financing results

(€ million)	FY 2014	FY 2013
Adjusted net financing costs	(113)	(117)
Divestment related results on AccessData	-	12
Loss on investment available-for-sale	(14)	-
Employee benefits financing component	(5)	(5)
Revaluation gain on minority interest in Datacert	76	-
Write-down of investments available-for-sale	-	(18)
Financing results	(56)	(128)



### **Balance Sheet**

(€ million, unless otherwise stated)	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Goodwill and intangible assets	5,172	4,592
Equity-accounted investees and financial assets	32	58
Other non-current assets	216	212
Non-current assets	5,420	4,862
Cash and cash equivalents	535	755
Other current assets	1,412	1,247
Deferred income	(1,375)	(1,214)
Short-term borrowings and bank overdrafts	(125)	(817)
Other current liabilities	(924)	(883)
Working capital	(477)	(912)
Capital employed	4,943	3,950
Total equity	2,121	1,584
Long-term debt	2,304	1,909
Other non-current liabilities	518	457
Total financing	4,943	3,950
Closing rate EUR/USD	1.21	1.38



#### Currency

	Averag	e rates	lmpact revenue	Impact adjusted operating profit
1 Euro	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2014
U.S. Dollar	1.33	1.33	6	6
British Pound	0.81	0.85	(6)	0
Canadian Dollar	1.47	1.37	(4)	0
Australian Dollar	1.47	1.38	(4)	0
Brazilian Real, Russian Ruble and other			(2)	(3)
Total impact (€ million)			(10)	3

Total	(10)	3
Financial & Compliance Services	2	1
Health	1	2
Tax & Accounting	(7)	0
Legal & Regulatory	(6)	0
<u>By division:</u>		

### Sensitivity to U.S. Dollar

#### Impact of a 1% weakening of the U.S. Dollar against the Euro

(€ million)	2014
Revenues	(21)
Adjusted operating profit	(6)
Adjusted net profit	(3)
Adjusted FCF	(4)
Diluted adjusted EPS (Euro)	(0.01)

Does not include the impact of other currency exposures.

Does not include the impact of exchange rate movements on year-end valuation of intercompany balances.

