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## SARANTIS

## Consolidated Financial Results Q2 2007

## Strong Results, Positive Outlook

## MAJ OR HI GHLI GHTS: Q2 2007

- Sarantis Group's turnover increased by 13.91\% to $€ 118.15$ mil. from $€ 103.72 \%$ in Q2 2006.
- Gross profit margin increased to $50.56 \%$ in Q2 2007 from $49.59 \%$ in Q2 2006.
- EBITDA margin increased to $\mathbf{1 5 . 6 6 \%}$ from 15.16\% in Q2 2006.
- EPS increased by $\mathbf{1 3 . 2 0 \%}$ to $€ \mathbf{~} \mathbf{0 . 3 3}$ in Q2 2007.
- Among the Group's major activities, fragrances \& Cosmetics posted the largest increase on an annual basis, by $\mathbf{2 2 . 9 5 \%}$ to $€ 51.29$ mil.
- All old countries (Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, the Czech Republic, FYROM and Hungary) continue to present outstanding growth rates.

| Financial Highlights (€ mil.) | Q2 2007 | \% | Q2 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Published |  | Oto Top with Proportional Consolidation Method |
| Turnover | 118.15 | 13.91\% | 103.72 |
| Gross Profit Gross Profit Margin | $\begin{gathered} 59.74 \\ 50.56 \% \end{gathered}$ | 16.16\% | $\begin{gathered} 51.43 \\ 49.59 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| EBITDA | 18.51 | 17.66\% |  |
| EBITDA Margin | 15.66\% |  | 15.16\% |
| EBIT | 16.75 | 20.41\% | 13.91 |
| EBIT Margin | 14.18\% |  | 13.42\% |
| EBT | 16.45 | 7.94\% | 15.24 |
| EBT Margin | 13.92\% |  | 14.69\% |
| I ncome Tax | 4.47 | 8.73\% | 4.11 |
| Profit After Tax <br> Profit After Tax Margin | $\begin{gathered} 11.97 \\ 10.13 \% \end{gathered}$ | 7.65\% | $\begin{gathered} 11.12 \\ 10.72 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Minority I nterests | -0.63 |  | -0.02 |
| EATAM <br> EATAM Margin | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{1 2 . 6 1} \\ 10.67 \% \end{gathered}$ | 13.20\% | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{1 1 . 1 4} \\ 10.74 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| EPS | 0.33 | 13.20\% | 0.29 |

For more information please refer to http:/ / ir.sarantis.gr/
Financial results for Q2 2006 can be discussed during the conference call which will take place on the $29^{\text {th }}$ of August at $\mathbf{1 7 . 0 0}$ Athens time. Please check our IR Site under IR Events for dial details.






## Q2 ’07 Consolidated Financial Results

## Turnover

In Q2 2007 consolidated turnover increased by 13.91\%. It is noted that on a comparable (like to like) basis (i.e. excluding (i) PET revenues ( $€ 0.218$ mil. in Q2 2006 versus $€ 0$ in Q2 2007) and (ii) revenues from services to Estee Lauder JV ( $€ 1.015$ mil. in Q2 2006 versus $€ 0$ in Q2 2007)) turnover increased by 15.28\% . During the period under consideration, we note strong growth rates in fragrances \& cosmetics and household products. In geographical terms, we underlie a strong growth pattern across all Eastern European regions.

## Gross Profit

Gross profit advanced by $\mathbf{1 6 . 1 6 \%}$ to $€ 59.74$ mil. in Q2 2007. Gross profit margin increased to $50.56 \%$ versus $49.59 \%$ in Q2 2006, underlying the strategic decision to rebalance the Group's product portfolio by increasing the participation of own products. This trend is expected to continue by further improving the product mix.

## EBITDA

We note EBITDA growth rate of $\mathbf{1 7 . 6 6 \%}$ to $€ 18.51$ mil. in Q2 2007, which led to an increase of EBITDA margin to 15.66\% from 15.16\% in Q2 2006.

## EBIT

Earnings before interest and taxes posted a $\mathbf{2 0 . 4 1 \%}$ increase to $€ 16.75$ mil. from $€ 13.91$ mil. in Q2 2006.

EBT
As far as financial expenses are concerned, Sarantis generated negative results of just $€ 307$ thousand in Q2 2007 versus $€+1.32$ mil. in Q2 2006. This was due to the capital gains in Q2 2006 related with the withdrawal from the unprofitable Pet business and the sale of the participation in Multirama. Therefore, earnings before taxes settled at $€ 16.45$ mil., an increase of $\mathbf{7 . 9 4 \%}$ versus the same period last year.

EATAM
Earnings after taxes and minorities reached $€ 12.61$ mil. ( $+13.20 \%$ ).
However, it is worth noting that excluding the one-off items that were recorded in the respective period last year from the sale of Multirama (c. € 0.96 mil.) and the withdrawal from the unprofitable Pet Business (c. € 1.34 mil.), EATAM growth reaches 42.5\%.

## Major Highlights

One of the most important strategic axes for Sarantis is the generation of strong cash flow streams through its operating activities. The latter is an essential achievement, in order to sustain the continuous materialization of the Group's growth strategy and investments in the Eastern European markets.

During Q2 2007, Group's net debt decreased by 1.48\% ( $€ 60.74$ mil. vs $€ 61.65$ as of $31 / 12 / 2006$ ).

Group's inventory and trade debtors increased by $11.84 \%$ and $11.30 \%$ respectively in Q2 2007 which is lower to the turnover growth (13.91\%).

The above improved all operating working capital coefficients and as a result cash flow from operating activities increased to €8.03 mil. from €-2.42 mil. compared to Q2 2006.


## 1 CONSOLIDATED SBU ANALYSIS

### 1.1. Q2 '07 Turnover Breakdown

Consolidated turnover is broken down into four main business activities. Specifically, consolidated turnover is broken down as follows: SBU1: fragrances \& cosmetics, SBU2: household products, SBU3: health \& care products and SBU4: other sales.

| Q2 ${ }^{\prime} 07$ Consolidated Turnover Breakdown per Business Activity |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SBU Turnover (€ mil.) | Q2 2007 | \% | Q2 2006 |
| Fragrances \& Cosmetics | 51.29 | 22.95\% | 41.72 |
| \% of Total | 43.42\% |  | 40.22\% |
| own | 34.49 | 19.55\% | 28.85 |
| \% of Total | 29.19\% |  | 27.81\% |
| distributed | 16.80 | 30.57\% | 12.87 |
| \% of Total | 14.22\% |  | 12.41\% |
| Household Products | 46.95 | 14.84\% | 40.88 |
| \% of Total | 39.74\% |  | 39.42\% |
| own | 44.39 | 14.74\% | 38.68 |
| \% of Total | 37.57\% |  | 37.30\% |
| distributed | 2.56 | 16.57\% | 2.20 |
| \% of Total | 2.17\% |  | 2.12\% |
| Health \& Care Products | 9.78 | -2.36\% | 10.02 |
| \% of Total | 8.28\% |  | 9.66\% |
| Other Sales | 10.12 | -8.80\% | 11.10 |
| \% of Total | 8.57\% |  | 10.70\% |
| Selective | 6.95 | 1.80\% | 6.83 |
| Oto Top | 3.17 | 4.40\% | 3.04 |
| Pet | 0.00 |  | 0.22 |
| Services to EL JV | 0.00 |  | 1.01 |
| Total Turnover | 118.15 | 13.91\% | 103.72 |

Fragrances and cosmetics (F\&C) recorded a significant growth rate of $22.95 \%$ during Q2 2007, amounting to $€ 51.29$ mil. In this SBU, distributed products demonstrate a growth rate of $30.57 \%$, while the own products have the larger contribution in total sales (29.19\%).

Household products demonstrated satisfactory growth of $14.84 \%$ during the period under consideration, with
revenues reaching € $€ 6.95$ mil. The own products turnover within this SBU increased by $14.74 \%$ and recorded an increased contribution to sales of 37.57\% from 37.30\% in Q2 2006.

Health \& care products demonstrated an decrease of $2.36 \%$ to $€ 9.78$ mil.

Finally, the revenue contraction of the category "other sales" is due to the following factors: (1) the exit from the PET business and (2) foregone revenues from the services provided to Estee Lauder JV. A detailed presentation of the category "other sales" is attached in the Appendix of the current report.

Sarantis' strategy is to focus on its strategic business activities and to shift towards its own product portfolio. Under this light, the sales contraction in the category "other sales" reinforces its strategy and goals.

## Own vs Distributed Activity Turnover Breakdown Update



In Q2 2007, consolidated revenues from own products (fragrances \& cosmetics and household products) increased by $16.80 \%$ to $€ 78.88$ mil. from $€ 67.53$ mil. in Q2 2006, amounting $66.76 \%$ of total sales. The latter, underlies the successful execution of the Group's strategy to further expand its own product portfolio.

On the other hand, revenues from distributed products during Q2 2007 reached $€ 39.27$ mil. from $€ 36.19$ mil. in Q2 2006 (up by 8.52\%), and accounted for 33.24\% of total sales down from 34.89\% in Q2 2006.

| Q2 '07 Consolidated EBIT Breakdown per Business Activity |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SBU EBIT (€ mil.) | Q2 2007 | \% | Q2 2006 |
| Fragrances \& Cosmetics | 5.54 | 14.01\% | 4.86 |
| \% of EBIT | 33.07\% |  | 34.93\% |
| Margin | 10.80\% |  | 11.65\% |
| Own - Old Countries | 6.61 | 38.83\% | 4.76 |
| Own - New Countries / under process of penetration method change | -2.52 |  | -1.31 |
| subtotal | 4.09 | 18.47\% | 3.45 |
| \% of EBIT | 24.41\% |  | 24.81\% |
| Margin | 11.86\% |  | 11.97\% |
| distributed | 1.45 | 3.08\% | 1.41 |
| \% of EBIT | 8.66\% |  | 10.93\% |
| Margin | 8.63\% |  | 10.93\% |
| Household Products | 4.05 | 29.20\% | 3.14 |
| \% of EBIT | 24.19\% |  | 22.54\% |
| Margin | 8.63\% |  | 7.67\% |
| Own - Old Countries | 3.96 | 29.32\% | 3.06 |
| Own - New Countries/ under process of penetration method change | -0.04 |  | -0.04 |
| subtotal | 3.92 | 29.74\% | 3.03 |
| \% of EBIT | 23.43\% |  | 21.74\% |
| Margin | 8.84\% |  | 7.82\% |
| distributed | 0.13 | 14.36\% | 0.11 |
| \% of EBIT | 0.76\% |  | 0.80\% |
| Margin | 4.98\% |  | 5.07\% |
| Health \& Care Products | 1.53 | 12.04\% | 1.37 |
| \% of EBIT | 9.14\% |  | 9.82\% |
| Margin | 15.65\% |  | 13.64\% |
| Other Sales | 5.63 | 23.69\% | 4.55 |
| \% of EBIT | 33.61\% |  | 32.71\% |
| Margin | 55.63\% |  | 41.02\% |
| Selective | 0.01 |  | -0.27 |
| Oto Top | 0.13 |  | 0.17 |
| Pet | 0.00 |  | -0.17 |
| Services to EL J V | 0.00 |  | -0.18 |
| I ncome From Affiliated Companies | 5.49 | 9.76\% | 5.00 |
| TOTAL EBIT | 16.75 | 20.41\% | 13.92 |
| Margin | 14.18\% |  | 13.42\% |

In Q2 2007, fragrances \& cosmetics posted an EBIT increase of $14.01 \%$. The brand portfolio in the new countries consists solely of own products. If we isolate the EBIT component for the old countries we note that own products EBI T for fragrances \& cosmetics in the old countries of operation increased by 38.83\% .

Proceeding in the household products SBU, an EBIT growth rate of $29.20 \%$ is recorded. Household products are at the core of Sarantis Eastern European growth and expansion strategy.

Further breakdown of household products EBIT demonstrates that own products EBIT in the old countries increased by 29.32\% .

Finally, looking at the Health \& Care SBU we note an EBIT increase of 12.04\% in Q2 2007.

## Own vs Distributed EBIT Breakdown Update



Own product portfolio generated income of $€ 8.01$ mil. in Q2 2007 versus $€ 6.48$ mil. in Q2 2006, increased by $23.69 \%$. Consequently, the contribution of own products (fragrances \& cosmetics and household products) to the total EBIT during Q2 2007 accounted for 47.83\% in comparison to 46.55\% in Q2 2006.

The distributed products EBIT during Q2 2007 reached $€ 8.74$ mil. from $€ 7.44$ mil. in Q2 2006, advancing by 17.51\%. Their contribution to total EBIT decreased to 52.17\% in Q2 2006 from 53.45\% in Q2 2007.

## 2. CONSOLI DATED REGI ONAL ANALYSI S

### 2.1. Q2 '07 Turnover Breakdown

During Q2 2007, Greece and the old countries of operation remained the major geographic contributor in the Group's consolidated turnover.

| Country Turnover ( $€$ mil.) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Q2 } 2007 \\ & \text { Published } \end{aligned}$ | \% | Q2 2006 OtoTop with Proportional Consolidation Method |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Greece | 57.56 | 0.73\% | 57.14 |
| \% of Total Sales | 48.72\% |  | 55.09\% |
| Poland | 26.09 | 26.02\% | 20.71 |
| Romania | 17.94 | 30.44\% | 13.75 |
| Bulgaria | 6.18 | 35.59\% | 4.56 |
| Serbia | 4.34 | 34.94\% | 3.22 |
| Czech Republic | 2.22 | 33.98\% | 1.66 |
| FYROM | 0.85 | 28.64\% | 0.66 |
| Hungary | 0.72 | 317.68\% | 0.17 |
| Old Counties Subtotal | 58.34 | 30.45\% | 44.72 |
| \% of Total Sales | 49.38\% |  | 43.12\% |
| Ukraine | 0.27 | 54.29\% | 0.17 |
| Turkey | 1.31 | -22.19\% | 1.68 |
| Russia | 0.67 |  | 0.00 |
| New Countries Subtotal | 2.24 | 21.12\% | 1.85 |
| \% of Total Sales | 1.90\% |  | 1.79\% |
| Total Sales | 118.15 | 13.91\% | 103.72 |

The Greek market succeeded a turnover increase of $0.73 \%$. On a like to like basis, taking into consideration the exit from the Pet Business and the foregone revenues from services to Estee Lauder JV, turnover in the Greek market increased by 2.95\% (L2L turnover in Greece in Q2 2006 stands at $€ 55.91$ mil.)

The Old Countries recorded growth of $30.45 \%$, increasing their contribution to total sales up to $49.38 \%$ in Q2 2007 from 43.12\% in Q2 2006.


Turnover in the Greek market remains under 50\% as a result of the management's strategic choice for further penetration in the foreign markets.

### 2.2. Q2 '07 EBIT Breakdown

Proceeding with the geographical EBIT breakdown, we differentiate between old countries EBIT and new countries EBIT of operation. In doing so, it is evident that new countries EBIT (Turkey, Russia and Ukraine) is affected by the subsidiaries' high fixed operating costs and the inefficiency of the penetration model which was based on own distribution and high advertising expenses, presupposing the success of critical sales mass. Turnover realized so far lags the expected revenues, due to the lack of national distribution. The management of Sarantis has made a commitment to act upon the Group's best interests, revising the entry model in the new countries (Turkey and Russia) and focusing on the successful transition of the new penetration model in Ukraine.

| Q2 ©07 Consolidated EBIT Breakdown per Geographic Market |
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Greece demonstrated an EBIT increase by $8.29 \%$ to $€ 14.39$ mil. in Q2 2007 from $€ 13.29$ mil. in Q2 2006.
On the other hand, the old countries EBIT subtotal increased by $135.82 \%$ to $€ 4.98$ mil. in Q2 2007 from $€ 2.11$ mil. in Q2 2006. Such an increase, illustrates the successful establishment of Sarantis in those markets. It is worth noting that this trend is expected to continue as Sarantis has successfully managed to penetrate those markets and is well placed to reap the upside benefits.

## 3. Growth News Flow during the $2^{\text {nd }}$ semester of 2007

o Sarantis Group announces its partnership with Aramis and Designer Fragrances, a global leader in the Prestige Fragrance industry and a division of a subsidiary of The Estée Lauder Companies introducing Mustang, the new fragrance for men to North America. (Press Release, April the $20^{\text {th }}$ )
o SARANTIS Group signed an agreement with the local distributor CONRIL in Ukraine, according to which CONRIL will distribute Sarantis' products for a 3-year period, commencing on May 11th 2007. The agreement comes to reinforce the Group's new business model of penetrating the market of Ukraine and is in line with the overall re-visited penetration model of the newly established markets of Russia, Turkey and Ukraine. It is mentioned that in Ukraine, Sarantis Group distributes the "own portfolio" mass-market cosmetics C-THRU, BU and STR8 and household products FINO, GROSIK and CAMEL.CONRIL is one of the top local distributors in Ukraine with at least 10 years of successful operations in a nation wide scale. Specifically, CONRIL maintains a distribution network (warehouses, distribution and order-taking) across all the major cities in Ukraine, employees 250 people and possesses a clientele of more than 3,000 customers. (Press Release, May the $10^{\text {th }}$ )
o Following the Group's recent announcement regarding its partnership with Estee Lauder for the launch of Mustang, the new men's fragrance, in the US, the Management is pleased to announce that the first orders were shipped in the US. (Press Release, May the $10^{\text {th }}$ )
o SARANTIS Group has recently strengthened the portfolio of products it distributes in Bulgaria, through its subsidiary SARANTIS BULGARIA LTD. Specifically, the company commenced in March 07 the distribution of CAROLINA HERRERA and PACO RABANNE fragrances, which were very well received by the neighboring country's consumers. It is also noted that since last September, the fragrances of ROBERTO CAVALLI and GIANFRANCO FERRE have also been distributed in the Bulgarian market and during this period they have presented significant growth. (Press Release, May the $22^{\text {nd }}$ )

## 4. Objectives and Prospects for 2007

Financial results achieved in Q2 2007 underlie the Group's strategic axes which are:

1. Organic growth of the core business activities and emphasis on Sarantis own product portfolio.
2. Penetration model change in the countries of Turkey and Russia as distribution will be executed from national distributors, in order to offset the losses and to achieve the critical sales mass, as well as focus on the new distribution model in Ukraine.
3. Gradual turnover contribution increase from the Eastern European markets and sustained growth margins in the old countries of operation.
4. Examine possible acquisition targets in the old countries of operation.
5. Signed contract with SAP to design and operate an ERP system by the end of 2008.

In 2007, one of the top priorities of the group is to focus on the newly established countries with the goal to turnaround current stance which is characterized by high fixed operating expenses and increased losses. In doing so, Sarantis Group strategic goal of geographical expansion will be based on strengthening its distribution network capabilities.

The new penetration model in the new countries of Turkey, Ukraine and Russia is based on the delegation of distribution and sales to a national distributor. Consequently, costs allocation will not be fixed but proportionate to sales. Moreover products distribution is guaranteed resulting to a more efficient advertisement expense and support. Within this framework, the Group has initiated a cost cutting program recognizing a large part of the fixed costs and compensations during the $1^{\text {st }}$ semester of 2007. The management of the Group has committed to complete the cost cutting program by the end of the third quarter of 2007.

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Next Results Update will take place on the November the $26^{\text {th }}$ of 2007 after the ASE market close, regarding the Q3 2007 consolidated results.

## Appendix 1/ 3

| Q2 ${ }^{\prime} \mathbf{0 7}$ Other Sales - Subcategories Breakdown |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| € mil | Q2 2007 | \% | Q2 2006 |
| Luxury Cosmetics |  |  |  |
| Turnover | 6.95 | 1.80\% | 6.83 |
| \% contribution to Turnover | 68.66\% |  | 61.52\% |
| EBIT | 0.01 |  | -0.27 |
| \% contribution to EBIT | 0.26\% |  | -6.00\% |
| Car Accessories |  |  |  |
| Turnover | 3.17 | 4.40\% | 3.04 |
| \% contribution to Turnover | 31.34\% |  | 27.37\% |
| EBIT | 0.13 |  | 0.17 |
| \% contribution to EBIT | 2.26\% |  | 3.76\% |
| Pet Products |  |  |  |
| Turnover | 0.00 |  | 0.22 |
| \% contribution to Turnover | 0.00\% |  | 1.96\% |
| EBIT | 0.00 |  | -0.17 |
| \% contribution to EBIT | -0.08\% |  | -3.81\% |
| Services to Estee Lauder J V |  |  |  |
| Turnover | 0.00 |  | 1.01 |
| \% contribution to Turnover | 0.00\% |  | 9.15\% |
| EBIT | 0.00 |  | -0.18 |
| \% contribution to EBIT | 0.00\% |  | -3.88\% |
| Income from Affiliated Companies |  |  |  |
| EBIT | 5.49 | 9.76\% | 5.00 |
| \% contribution to EBIT | 97.56\% | -11.26\% | 109.94\% |
| Total Subcategories Turnover | 10.12 | -8.80\% | 11.10 |
| Total Subcategories EBIT | 5.631 | 23.69\% | 4.552 |


| Countries | Q2 2007 | Oto Top | Q2 2006 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Greece |  |  | OtoTop with <br> Proportional <br> Consolidation <br> Method |  |
| Bulgaria | Turnover | 2.214 | 4.655 | 2.327 |
|  | EBIT | 0.056 | 0.181 | 0.109 |
| Sub Total | Turnover | 0.498 | 1.758 | 0.448 |
|  | EBIT | 0.066 | 0.078 | 0.029 |
|  | Turnover | $\mathbf{2 . 7 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 4 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 7 7 6}$ |
|  | EBIT | $\mathbf{0 . 1 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 2 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 1 3 9}$ |


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|  | ASSETS |  |  |

## SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY \& LIABILITIES

L-T Bank Loans Deferred Tax Liabilities
Retirement Benefit Obligations \& Other Provisions Total Non Current Liabilities

Trade Creditors (Creditors \& Checks)
S-T Bank Loans
Other Short Term Liabilities
Total Current Liabilities
Share Capital
Share Premium
Fair Value \& Other Reserves
Retained Earnings ( Note)
Shareholders Equity Total Liabilities \& Equity

| $91,000,000$ | $89,750,000$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 132,387 | 132,387 |
| $6,346,945$ | $6,121,986$ |

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