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# Q3 2023 QUARTERLY REPORT

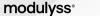
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# 1. Key Figures

(€ thousands)	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
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Results	000.04/	055 070
Revenue	229,246	255,370
Adjusted EBITDA	23,270	27,782
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	10.2%	10.9%
Integration and restructuring expenses	(2,985)	(1,379)
EBITDA	20,285	26,404
Depreciation / amortisation	(14,736)	(13,298)
Operating profit / (loss) for the period	5,548	13,105
Net finance expenses	(12,456)	(15,020)
Income tax benefit / (expense)	(4,002)	(3,698)
Profit/(loss) for the period	(10,910)	(5,612)
Cash flow		
Cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts at the		
beginning of the period from continuing operations	38,488	51,394
Net cash flow from operating activities	18,699	(5,334)
Net cash flow from investing activities	(8,811)	155,641
Net cash flow from financing activities	(18,571)	(181,555)
Financing and cash transactions between continued		·
and discontinued operations		171
Cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts at the		
end of the period from continuing operations	29,805	20,317

#### Financial position

In relation to Belysse's financing agreements, the documentation provides for the effect of changes in accounting standards to be neutralized. As such, the application of IFRS 16 has no consequence for the Group's financing.

(€ thousands)	Q3 2023	Q3 2022
Net debt <sup>1</sup>	121,844	131.580
Leverage	5.2	4.0

**Note 1**: IFRS 16 effect is excluded from the leverage comparison (see glossary)

#### 2. Management discussion and analysis of the results

#### **2.1** Highlights

- Q3 consolidated Group Revenue was €73.6m (-19.2% YoY)
  - Organic Revenue declined -15.9%, while FX impact contributed -3.3%
  - Revenue growth by division: United States (US) -16.5% (-10.5% organic, -6.0% FX), Europe -22.7%
- Q3 Adjusted EBITDA was €11.0m (+1.1% YoY) with an Adjusted EBITDA margin of 15.0% (12.0% in Q3 2022)
  - US EBITDA: €9.9m
  - Europe EBITDA: €1.2m
- Q3 Net Debt was €150.8m (including €29.0m of IFRS 16 lease liabilities), down from last quarter. Leverage<sup>1</sup> reduced to 5.2x (5.5x at end of Q2 2023) and total available liquidity (including headroom under the RCF) remains strong and has improved to €68m at the end of Q3 (€65m end of H1 2023)

#### 2.2 Business Update Q3 2023

In US, volumes and revenues were below a very strong third quarter of 2022 where higher volumes were shipped as the installation of new production capacity enabled a catch-up on the backlog of open orders. Revenues stay at a similar level as previous quarter and remain above pre-COVID levels.

In response to the lower volumes, costs have been brought down to maintain profitability. US further improved its EBITDA margin to 23.2% in the quarter, up from previous quarter and last year (20.5% per Q2 2023 and 19.9% in Q3 2022 respectively). In USD terms Q3 EBITDA has outperformed last year's results by +4% despite lower volumes.

In Europe, Q3 2023 revenue has mainly been affected by a continued decrease of volumes in the Residential market, due to low footfall during summer combined with destocking by the retailers. Volumes in the Commercial business remained at the level of previous quarter.

In Europe, despite the currently low volumes, margins have improved compared to prior quarter and prior year, mainly due to the 2022 sales price increases and lower product costs. As anticipated, the First-In, First-Out (FIFO) accounting of the cheaper raw materials and utilities purchased since the beginning of the year had its first P&L effect in September but the full effect will be starting in October. Combined with the positive effects of the executed fixed expense reduction program, EBITDA was €1.2m positive for the quarter, up from both previous quarter and last year.

Assuming all else remains materially unchanged from the current trading environment, Belysse is expecting the full year 2023 EBITDA to recover to 2022 levels and a year-end leverage reducing to around 4.0x.

 $<sup>^{</sup>m 1}$  As defined in the SSN facility agreements, excluding IFRS16 impact but including sale and leasebacks

## 3 Operating review per segment

# **3.1** Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA per Division

# **3.1.1** Q3 2023

(€ million, unless otherwise mentioned)	Q3 2023	Q3 2022	% Change	o/w organic	o/w FX
Europe	31,2	40,4	(22,7)%		
US	42,4	50.8	(16,5)%		
Consolidated Revenue	73,6	91,2	(19,2)%	(15,9)%	(3,3)%
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Europe	1,2	0,8	46,9%		
US	9,9	10,1	(2,6)%		
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA	11,0	10,9	1,1%	7,2%	(6,1)%
Europe	3,8%	2,0%			
US	23,2%	19,9%			
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA Margin	15,0%	12,0%			

#### **3.1.2** YTD 2023

(€ million, unless otherwise mentioned)	YTD Q3 2023	YTD Q3 2022	% Change	o/w organic	o/w FX
Europe	105.9	123.3	(14,1)%		
US	123,3	132,1	(6,6)%		
Consolidated Revenue	229,2	255,4	(10,2)%	(9,4)%	(0,8)%
Europe	(0,4)	2,1	(120,3)%		
US	23,7	25,7	(7,8)%		
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA	23,3	27,9	(16,4)%	(14,3)%	(2,1)%
Europe	-0,4%	1,7%			
US	19,2%	19,5%			
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA Margin	10,2%	10,9%			

**Note**: the segment table has been copied from the press release issued by Belysse Group NV, where EBITDA is slightly higher than at LSF9 Belysse Issuer level due to a markup on management services provided at level of Belysse Group NV and then charged to LSF9 Belysse Issuer and subsidiaries.

#### 4 Other financial items review

#### 4.1 Integration and Restructuring Expenses

Integration and restructuring expenses over the first nine months of 2023 are equal to €3.0m and mainly relate to severance payments in regards to the fixed cost reduction program that was executed early July as well as other non-recurring advisory services.

#### 4.2 Changes in inventories

Changes of inventories of Work-In-Progress and Finished Goods for the first nine months of 2023 are equal to  $(\le 8.0 \text{m})$ , as compared to  $\le 18.1 \text{m}$  in the same period last year. The negative number for the period is driven by the reduction in inventory levels achieved during the first nine months. In the US the reduction was driven by the successful completion of the yarn transition project. In Europe a make-to-order process was introduced for less frequently sold products as well as did the unitary value of the inventories decrease mainly due to the lower purchase prices of raw materials since the beginning of 2023.

#### 4.3 Employee benefit expense

Employee benefit expense for the first nine months of 2023 are equal to €58.8m, as compared to €61.6m in the same period last year. This decrease is mainly driven by lower volumes produced in Europe as well as the implementation of a fixed cost reduction program in third quarter both in the US and in Europe.

#### 4.4 Other expense

Other expense for the first nine months of 2023 are equal to €43.8m, as compared to €54.5m in the same period last year. This decrease is mainly driven by the lower energy and transportation cost as well as lower cost for temporary workforce.

# 4.5 Net financing expenses

Net finance expenses for the first nine months of 2023 are equal to €12.5m, as compared to €15.0m in the same period last year. This decrease is mainly driven by the lower financing cost of the group since the debt repayments after the Disposal per 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.

#### **4.6** Taxation

The income tax expense amounts to €4.0m for the first nine months of 2023, compared to an income tax expense of €3.7m in the same period last year. The net tax expense results from taxing the results of our US division and the fact that no new deferred tax assets are recognized on the losses from the European business.

#### **4.7** Earnings per share for continuing operations

The net earnings per share for the first nine months of 2023 were a loss of  $\leq$ 0.08, compared to a loss of  $\leq$ 0.04 for the same period last year.

#### 4.8 Cashflow and net debt

Q3 Net Debt was  $\le$ 150.8m (including  $\le$ 29.0m of IFRS 16 lease liabilities), down from last quarter. Leverage reduced to 5.2x (5.5x at end of Q2 2023) and total available liquidity (including headroom under the RCF) remains strong and has improved to  $\le$ 68m at the end of Q3 ( $\le$ 65m end of H1 2023)

#### **5** Risk Factors

There are no material changes related to the risks and uncertainties for the Group as explained in the section "Summary of main risks" of the 2022 annual report.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  As defined in the SSN facility agreements, excluding IFRS16 impact but including sale and leasebacks

#### 6 Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

## **6.1** Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

€ thousands)	Q3 2023	Q3 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
I. CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT				
Revenue	73.641	91.188	229.246	255.370
Raw material expenses	(29.374)	(45.163)	(96.765)	(129.838
Changes in inventories	(2.844)	3.693	(8.021)	18.109
Employee benefit expenses	(18.332)	(22.232)	(58.787)	(61.567
Other income	470	218	1.405	168
Other expenses	(12.523)	(16.787)	(43.809)	(54.460
Depreciation/ amortization	(4.997)	(4.827)	(14.736)	(13.298
Adjusted Operating Profit <sup>1</sup>	6.041	6.089	8.534	14.484
Integration and restructuring expenses	(1.005)	(77)	(2.985)	(1.379
Operating profit / (loss) 1	5.036	6.011	5.548	13.10
Finance income	123	-	162	·
Finance expenses	(4.239)	(3.418)	(12.618)	(15.029
Net finance expenses	(4.116)	(3.418)	(12.456)	(15.020
Profit / (loss) before income taxes	920	2.593	(6.908)	(1.914
Income tax benefit / (expense)	(1.859)	(921)	(4.002)	(3.698
Profit / (loss) for the period from continuing operations	(940)	1.672	(10.910)	(5.612
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Profit/ (loss) for the period from discontinued operations	_	(192)	_	(55.275
Profit/(loss) for the period	(940)	1.481	(10.910)	(60.887
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Attributable to:				
Equity holders	(940)	1.481	(10.910)	(60.887
II. CONSOLIDATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Items in other comprehensive income that may be subsequently				
reclassified to P&L				
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	3.300	8.686	1.011	22.67
Changes in fair value of hedging instruments qualifying for				
cash flow hedge accounting				15
Items in other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified				
to P&L				
Changes in deferred taxes	(1)		(40)	24
Changes in employee defined benefit obligations	8	-	2	(288
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	3.307	8.686	972	22.77
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax for				
discontinued operations	-	-	-	(1.762
Total comprehensive income for the period	2.368	10.167	(9.938)	(39.873
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the				
ordinary equity holders of the company	(0,01)	0,01	(80,0)	(0,44
Basic and diluted earnings per share from continued				
operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the				
company	(0,01)	0,01	(0,08)	(0,04
Basic and diluted earnings per share from discontinued				
operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the				
company	_	(0,00)	_	(0,40

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjusted Operating Profit / Operating profit/(loss) are non-GAAP measures.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated condensed interim financial statements.

## **6.2** Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	30 September	31 December
(€ thousands)	2023	2022
Property, plant and equipment	104,038	108,178
Of which IFRS 16 related right-of-use assets (excluding sale-and-		
leaseback)	25,369	29,388
Land and buildings	47,294	51,245
Plant and machinery	50,415	50,025
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment	6,329	6,908
Goodwill	106,173	105,662
Intangible assets	5,074	5,432
Deferred income tax assets	-	390
Trade and other receivables	602	599
Total non-current assets	215,887	220,261
Inventories	58,019	76,177
Trade and other receivables	27,693	25,084
Current income tax assets	116	-
Cash and cash equivalents	29,805	38,488
Total current assets	115,632	139,750
Total assets	331,520	360,011
Share capital	137,848	137,848
Share premium	155,486	155,486
Other comprehensive income	6,838	5,866
Retained earnings	(205,561)	(194,651)
Other reserves	(14,283)	(14,283)
Total equity	80,329	90,267
Senior Secured Notes	133,362	130,745
Bank and Other Borrowings	36,861	41,590
Of which IFRS 16 related lease liabilities (excluding sale-and-leaseback)	21,973	25,577
Deferred income tax liabilities	6,663	6,355
Provisions for other liabilities and charges	2,205	2,176
Employee benefit obligations	157	150
Total non-current liabilities	179,248	181,015
Senior Secured Notes	(1,256)	1 411
Bank and Other Borrowings	9,041	1,611
Of which IFRS 16 related lease liabilities (excluding sale-and-leaseback)	7,025	8,760
		6,872
Other payroll and social related payables	14,655	16,713
Trade and other payables	46,190	60,426
Income tax liabilities  Total current liabilities	3,313 <b>71,943</b>	1,219 <b>88,729</b>
Total liabilities	251,191	269,744
Total equity and liabilities	331,520	360,011

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated condensed interim financial statements.

## **6.3** Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

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# **6.4** Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

(€ thousands)	Share capital	Share premium	Other comprehensive income	Retained earnings	Other reserves	Total	Elements of comprehensive income from discontinued operations	Total equity
Balance 31 December 2021	137,848	155,486	(4,835)	(18,534)	(14,283)	255,683	(162,767)	92,916
Profit / (loss) for the period	137,040	100,400	(4,633)	(13,398)	(14,203)	(13,398)		
Other comprehensive income			0	(10,070)		(10,070)	(04,407)	(07,007)
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations Changes in fair value of hedging instruments qualifying for cash flow hedge accounting	-	-	10,212	51	-	10,263 152		65,126 152
Cumulative changes in deferred taxes	-	-	268	-	-	268	158	425
Cumulative changes in employee defined benefit obligations	-	-	68	-	-	68	(565)	(496)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	10,701	(13,347)	-	(2,647)	(3)	(2,649)
Change in scope (1)	-		-	(162,770)	-	(162,770)	162,770	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	137,848	155,486	5,866	(194,651)	(14,283)	90,267	-	90,267
Profit / (loss) for the period  Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(10,910)	-	(10,910)	-	(10,910)
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	-	-	1,011	-	-	1,011	-	1,011
Cumulative changes in deferred taxes	-	-	(40)	-	-	(40)	-	(40)
Cumulative changes in employee defined benefit obligations	-	-	. 2	-	-	2	-	2
Total other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	972	-	-	972	-	972
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	972	(10,910)	-	(9,938)	-	(9,938)
Balance at 30 September 2023	137,848	155,486	6,838	(205,561)	(14,283)	80,329		80,329

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Change in scope reflects the transfer of the elements of comprehensive income from discontinued operations to retained earnings of the group at completion date of the divestment without currency translation adjustments which are recycled over the income statement.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated condensed interim financial statements.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Other reserves were created as a result of certain pre IPO transactions. Refer to the 2017 annual report for more information

# **6.5** Selected Explanatory Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

#### **6.5.1** Significant Accounting Policies

These consolidated condensed interim financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim financial reporting. They do not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report of LSF9 Belysse Issuer S.à r.l. for the year ended December 31, 2022 and any public announcements made by Belysse Group during the interim reporting period.

The amounts in this document are presented in thousands of euro, unless otherwise stated. Rounding adjustments have been made in calculating some of the financial information included in these consolidated condensed interim financial statements.

The accounting policies are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim period.

#### 6.5.2 Segment Reporting

Segment information is presented in respect of the Company's business segments. The performances of the segments is reviewed by the chief operating decision maker, which is the Management Committee.

<u>(</u> € thousands)	Q3 2023	Previous reported figures <sup>(1)</sup>	YTD 2023	Previous reported figures <sup>(1)</sup>
Revenue by segment	73,641	91,188	229,246	255,370
Europe	31,247	40,401	105,900	123,314
US	42,394	50,787	123,346	132,056
Revenue by geography	73,641	91,188	229,246	255,370
Europe	26,270	33,273	89,874	102,979
North America	43,168	52,114	126,267	135,973
Rest of World	4,203	5,801	13,105	16,418
Adjusted EBITDA by segment	11,037	10,917	23,270	27,782
Europe	1,186	805	(450)	2,053
US	9,851	10,112	23,720	25,729
Net capital expenditure by segment	3,141	2,984	8,811	8,059
Europe	1,663	1,924	5,238	4,671
US	1,478	1,059	3,573	3,388
Net inventory by segment	58,019	76,177	58,019	76,177
Europe	32,744	47,333	32,744	47,333
US	25,275	28,844	25,275	28,844
Trade receivables by segment	25,098	25,084	25,098	25,084
Europe	6,477	8,005	6,477	8,005
US	18,621	17,079	18,621	17,079

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For Revenue, Adjusted EBITDA and Capital Expenditure, the previous reporting period refers to September 30, 2022. The previous period for Net inventory and Trade Receivables refers to December 31, 2022.

#### 6.5.3 Integration and Restructuring Expenses

The following table sets forth integration and restructuring expenses for the period ended September 30, 2023 and 2022. This comprises various items which are considered by management as non-recurring or unusual by nature.

(€ thousands)	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
Integration and restructuring expenses	2,985	1,379
Corporate restructuring	2,985	1,379

Integration and restructuring expenses over the first nine months of 2023 mainly relate to severance payments in regards to the fixed cost reduction program that was executed early July as well as other non-recurring advisory services.

#### 6.5.4 Goodwill

The goodwill increased by €0.5m from €105.7m as of December, 2022 to €106.2m as of September 30, 2023. The increase in goodwill reflects the changes in foreign exchange rate from the US dollar to euro from the date of acquisition of Bentley. The related foreign exchange fluctuations are presented in other comprehensive income.

#### 6.5.5 Net Debt Reconciliation

The following table reconciles the net cash flow to movements in net debt:

	Liab	illities from fil	nancing activ	ities			Cashand Cash equivalents	
	Senior Secured Notes due after 1 year	Senior Secured Notes due within 1 year	Lease liabilities due after 1 year	Lease liabilities due within 1 year	Super Senior RCF	Total gross financial debt	Cash and Cash equivalents	Total net financial debt
_(€ thousands)								
Net debt as at 31 December								
2022	(132.489)	(3.479)	(42.004)	(8.849)	(82)	(186.903)	38.488	(148.415)
Cashflows	-	-	-	-	=	-	(8.684)	(8.684)
Repayments of borrowings								
with third parties	-	-	-	6.134	-	6.134	-	6.134
Non- cash movements								
(including FX)	(1.310)	2.991	4.857	(6.391)	(25)	123	-	123
Net debt as at 30 September								
2023	(133.798)	(488)	(37.147)	(9.106)	(107)	(180.646)	29.805	(150.842)

The table above does not include the movements in capitalized financing fees, or the interest paid.

The net debt at the end of Q3 2023 amounts to €150.8m, compared to €148.4 m per Q4 2022. The increase in Net Debt was due to pay-out of yearly rebates to our customers and catch-up payments of social security with governmental support unwinding.

## **6.5.6** Related Party Transactions

The related party transactions with shareholders and parties related to the shareholders have not substantially changed in nature and impact compared to the year ended December 31, 2022 and hence no updated information is included in this interim report.

The remuneration of key management is determined on an annual basis, for which reason no further details are included in this interim report.

#### 6.5.7 Commitments

There is no significant evolution to report in terms of commitments. Please refer to Note 35 'Commitments' in the IFRS Financial Statements of the 2022 annual report.

#### 6.5.8 Events After the Statement of Financial Position Date

No subsequent events occurred which could have a significant impact on the interim condensed financial statements of the Group per September 30, 2023.

#### 7 Glossary: Alternative Performance Measures

The following alternative performance measures (non-IFRS) have been used as management believes that they are widely used by certain investors, securities analysts and other interested parties as supplemental measures of performance and liquidity. The alternative performance measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our operating results, our performance or our liquidity under IFRS.

**Organic Growth** is defined as growth excluding (i) FX impact, which comprises the translation of key foreign entities and (ii) M&A impact.

**Adjusted EBITDA** is defined as operating profit / (loss) adjusted for (i) the impact of the purchase price allocation mainly on change in inventories, (ii) gains on asset disposals, (iii) integration and restructuring expenses, (iv) depreciation / amortization and (v) impairment and write-off.

Adjusted EBITDA margin is defined as the Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenue.

**Adjusted Operating Profit/Loss** is defined as operating profit/(loss) adjusted for (i) the impact of the purchase price allocation mainly on changes in inventory, (ii) gains on assets disposals, (iii) integration and restructuring expenses and (iv) impairment and write-off.

**Gross Debt** is defined as (i) Senior Secured Notes adjusted for the financing fees included in the carrying amount and (ii) Bank and other borrowings adjusted for capitalized financing fees.

**Net Debt** is defined as (i) Senior Secured Notes adjusted for the financing fees included in the carrying amount, (ii) Bank and other borrowings adjusted for capitalized financing fees less (iii) cash and cash equivalents.

**Net-investment or net-CAPEX** is defined as of the sum of all investments in tangible and intangible fixed assets adjusted for proceeds from sales of fixed assets.

**Leverage** is defined as the ratio of Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA (excluding IFRS16 impacts as per financing documentation, except for sale-and-leaseback transactions).