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2006

First nine months and 3rd Qtr Financials

First nine months 2006 operational highlights

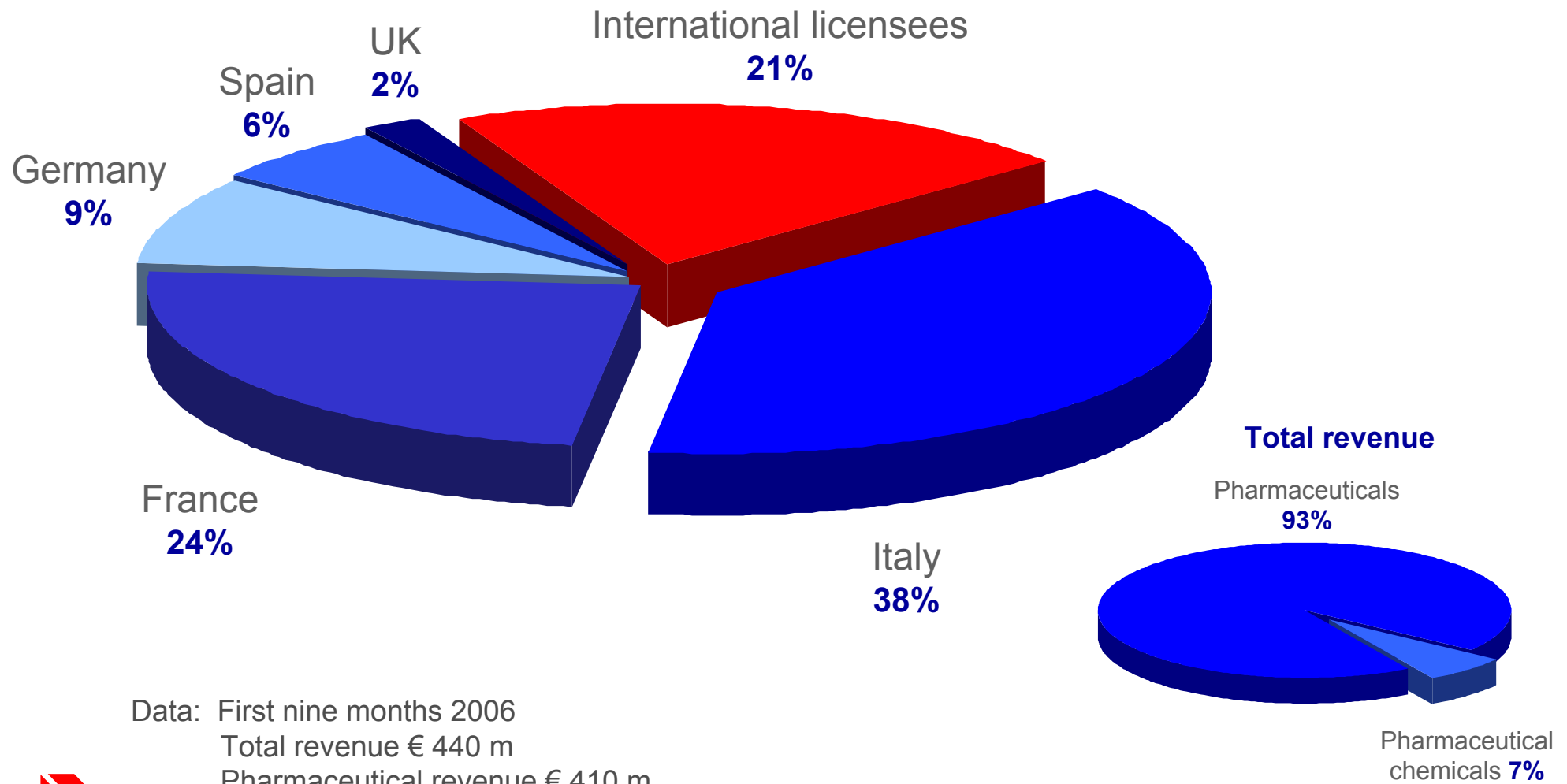
- Revenue € 439.6 million, up 3.6%
- Further increase in profitability, gross margin 67.1%, EBIT margin 20.9%
- Lercanidipine sales up 26.4%
- Rights to Corifeo® (lercanidipine) in Germany repurchased from licensee UCB
- Zanitek®/Zanipress® (lercanidipine+enalapril) approved in Germany (RMS)
- Acquisition of Jaba in Portugal

Composition of revenue

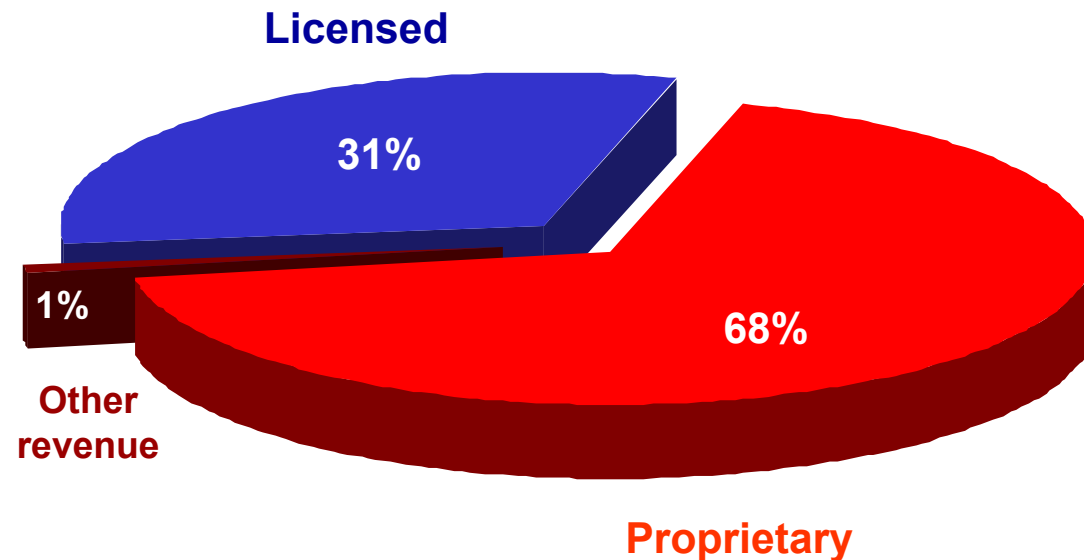
(million euro)	Jan-Sep 2006	Jan-Sep 2005	Change %
Italy	157.2	162.1	(3.0)%
France	98.9	89.0	11.1%
Germany	36.5	40.0	(8.6)%
Spain	24.0	26.7	(9.9)%
United Kingdom	7.7	2.9	n.a.
International licensees	85.6	75.8	12.9%
TOTAL PHARMACEUTICALS	410.0	396.4	3.4%
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMICALS	29.6	28.0 *	5.8%

* Excludes discontinued operations

Pharmaceutical revenue by geographical area



Pharmaceutical revenue



% of pharmaceutical revenue

Zanidip® (lercanidipine)	33%
Elopram® /Entact® (citalopram/escitalopram)	9%
Peptazol® /Ulcotenal® (pantoprazole)	6%
Tora-Dol® (ketorolac)	3%
Claversal® (mesalazine)	3%
Hexa line (biclotimol)	2%
Tenstaten® (cicletanine)	2%
Nitrocor® (nitroglycerine T.P.)	2%
Methadone	2%
Cidine® (cinitapride)	2%

Data: First nine months 2006 pharmaceutical revenue € 410 m

Sources of growth

(% change, first nine months 2006 over first nine months 2005)	Volume	Price	Exchange	Total
PHARMACEUTICALS	5.8	(2.5)	0.1	3.4
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMICALS *	8.3	(4.0)	1.5	5.8
TOTAL CHANGE	6.0	(2.6)	0.2	3.6

* Excludes discontinued operations

Lercanidipine sales

(million euro)	Jan-Sep 2006	Jan-Sep 2005	Change %
Italy	33.0	32.3	2.1%
France	28.8	21.7	32.3%
Germany	2.3	-	n.a.
United Kingdom	7.7	2.9	n.a.
Spain	6.2	4.6	35.7%
DIRECT SALES	77.9 58.4%	61.5 58.3%	26.6%
SALES TO LICENSEES	55.6 41.6%	44.0 41.7%	26.4%
TOTAL LERCANIDIPINE SALES	133.5 100.0%	105.5 100.0%	26.5%

First nine months 2006 results

(million euro)	Jan-Sep 2006	Jan-Sep 2005*	Change %
Revenue	439.6	424.4	3.6%
Gross Profit as % of revenue	294.7 67.1%	276.7 65.2%	6.5%
SG&A Expenses as % of revenue	167.7 38.2%	162.0 38.2%	3.5%
R&D Expenses as % of revenue	34.1 7.8%	31.6 7.4%	8.1%
Operating Income as % of revenue	92.0 20.9%	83.5 19.7%	10.1%
Net Income as % of revenue	55.9 12.7%	51.0 12.0%	9.7%

* Restated for comparison purposes

Third quarter 2006 results

(million euro)	3Q 2006	3Q 2005*	Change %
Revenue	128.5	132.0	(2.7)%
Gross Profit as % of revenue	85.9 66.8%	86.0 65.1%	(0.1)%
SG&A Expenses as % of revenue	46.5 36.2%	48.3 36.6%	(3.7)%
R&D Expenses as % of revenue	10.8 8.4%	9.5 7.2%	13.1%
Operating Income as % of revenue	28.4 22.1%	28.3 21.4%	0.3%
Net Income as % of revenue	18.5 14.4%	17.4 13.2%	6.5%

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Net financial position

(million euro)	30 Sep 2006	31 Dec 2005	Change
Cash and short term financial investments	180.7	162.8	17.9
Bank overdrafts	(7.6)	(6.0)	(1.6)
Loans – due within one year	(20.7)	(22.7)	2.0
Loans – due after one year	(88.3)	(107.9)	19.6
NET FINANCIAL POSITION	64.1	26.2	37.9

REC 0545, REC 2615 update

- REC 0545 (overactive bladder)
 - A proof of concept, cross over, clinical trial was conducted on 18 patients with hyperactive bladder.
 - After 15 days of treatment with REC 0545 no statistically significant difference between active treatment and placebo was evidenced.
 - An in depth evaluation is ongoing, including the possibility of pursuing the development of another compound with a mixed mechanism of action, including 5HT1A antagonism.
- REC 2615 (female sexual dysfunction)
 - A pharmacodynamic clinical proof of concept trial was completed.
 - Statistical significance on the main pharmacological end point was not reached.
 - May be due to the too slow build up of tissue levels and therefore galenic work is ongoing in an effort to reformulate the compound.

Zanitek®/Zanipress® (lercanidipine+enalapril) approved in Germany (RMS)

- Fixed combinations will play a significant role in the future hypertension market
- New aggressive targets for blood pressure control. Combination of drugs needed for most patients
- Increased patient compliance
- Recent large clinical outcome trials show that cardiovascular events are drastically reduced by using modern antihypertensive drug combinations (CCB, ACEi, ARB) as opposed to using older treatments.
- NICE (National Institute for Clinical Excellence, UK) has updated its guidelines for the pharmacological treatment of hypertension to incorporate new evidence
- “In hypertensive patients aged 55 or over, or black patients of any age, the first choice for initial therapy should be either a CCB or a thiazide-type diuretic.”
- “If initial treatment was with a CCB or a thiazide-type diuretic and a second drug is required, add an ACE inhibitor. If initial therapy was with an ACE inhibitor, add a CCB or a thiazide-type diuretic.”

Acquisition of Jaba in Portugal

- End July agreement to acquire Jaba Farmacêutica and the other pharmaceutical businesses belonging to the Grupo Jaba in Portugal
- Closing expected before year-end
- Purchase price approx. € 45 million, adjustment contingent upon full year 2006 results
- Revenues in 2005 approx. € 39 million, positive margins
- Product portfolio includes prescription drugs, both under license and own brands, plain generics and well-known OTC products
- Organization of around 330 employees, including over 100 medical reps
- Further step in our strategy to expand our direct presence in Europe

Safe harbour and company profile

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