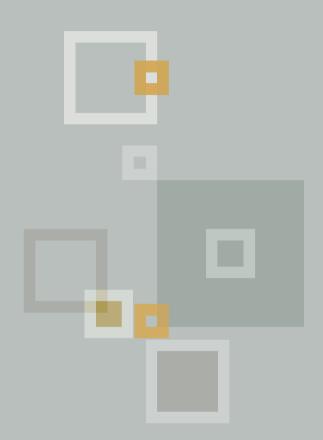
# → 2008 First-half Results

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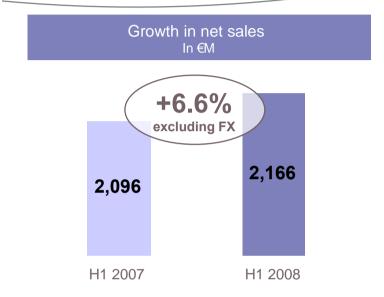




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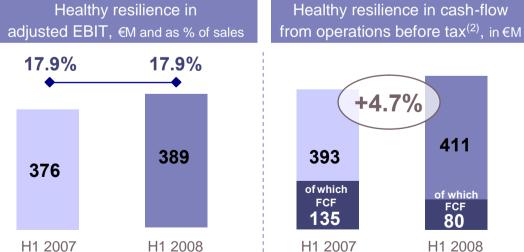
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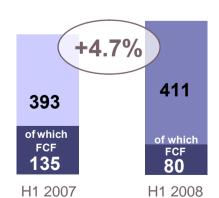
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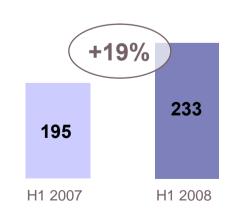


2008 first-half net sales – Highlights

- 14% organic growth in emerging markets (26% of sales)
- Double-digit growth in fastgrowing market segments (close to 20% of sales)
- 3.5%<sup>(1)</sup> external growth







Firm rise in net income

excluding minorities, in €M

<sup>1.</sup> The consolidation of acquisitions already announced as of June 30, 2008 should contribute approximately +4% to sales growth full year in 2008. | 2. Please refer to pages 20 and 32 (FCF: Free Cash-flow)

## Group total €2,166M in 2008 first-half

- +6.6% sales growth excluding FX
- +3.1% LFL<sup>(1)</sup> growth

#### France: €533M

- +2.6% LFL<sup>(1)</sup> growth after adjustment<sup>(2)</sup>
- +0.5% LFL<sup>(1)</sup> change
  - Good performance in power distribution and wire-mesh cable management
  - Ongoing success of new ranges of wiring devices
  - Successful launch of the new Mosaic trunking offering

#### USA & Canada: €274M

- - 4.1% LFL<sup>(1)</sup> decline
  - Strong increase in sales of The Watt Stopper, Cablofil and PW Industries,
  - Partly offsetting the decline in the residential business

## **Rest of Europe: €483M**

- +2.1% LFL<sup>(1)</sup> growth
  - Strong growth in Eastern Europe, in particular Russia and Romania, and,
  - Good levels of growth in Turkey, Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland,
  - Offsetting the decline in Spain and Ireland

#### Rest of the World: €461M

- +12.8% LFL<sup>(1)</sup> growth
  - Double-digit growth in China, Thailand, Brazil, Chile, etc.
  - Growth over 30% in India, Egypt, Peru, Saudi Arabia, etc.

## Italy: €415M

- +3.2% LFL<sup>(1)</sup> growth
  - Excellent performance for Zucchini and wire-mesh cable management offering and,
  - Healthy sales growth for *Axolute* and *My Home*,
  - Offsetting the slowdown in the residential market
- 1. Like-for-like: at constant scope of consolidation and exchange rates
- 2. Excluding the impact on comparisons of the launch of new wiring-device ranges in France in the first quarter of 2007

Building on its strengths in a market environment that is clearly more challenging than expected, Legrand

- targets sales growth close to 7% excluding currency effects in 2008 and
- confirms its objective for an adjusted operating margin percentage close to that recorded in 2007.

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#### Mid-term guidance set at IPO

Performance since IPO From 12/31/05 to the 12 months to 06/30/08

#### Revenue

8-10%(1) CAGR at constant exchange rates 11% CAGR at constant exchange rates

#### Adjusted<sup>(2)</sup> EBIT

Stable margins at 15.7% (including acquisitions)

17.2% average margin (including acquisitions)

Free Cash-Flow(3)

10% FCF CAGR

18% FCF CAGR

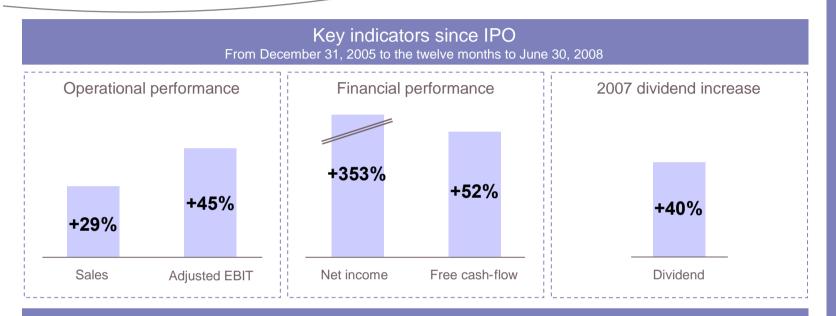
Excluding impact of economic cycles; 4 to 5% CAGR at constant scope of consolidation and exchange rates approximately doubled by self-financed acquisitions

Figures restated for accounting entries with no cash impact relating to the acquisition of Legrand France in 2002

Free cash-flow: cash-flow from operations - change in working capital - capex + net proceeds from sale of fixed assets

# Strong Value Creation Since IPO







# **La legrand**®

# Structurally Higher, Value Creating Cash Generation: 10% versus 6% Historic Average

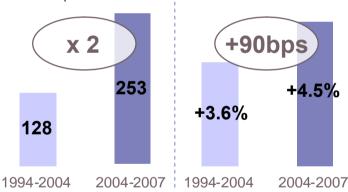
#### Capacity to finance:

#### Acceleration of acquisitions



#### Stronger dividend policy

Average annual cash spent on acquisitions



Acquisition-driven **CAGR** 

- Increased pay-out: 46%<sup>(1)</sup> versus historical average of 27%
- High current yield: 4.3%
- Strong track<sup>(2)</sup> record in dividend change:
  - 30 years of dividend increase;
  - 2 years of flat dividend;
  - 0 year of decline.

## While keeping a robust balance sheet structure<sup>(3)</sup>

Investment-grade rating

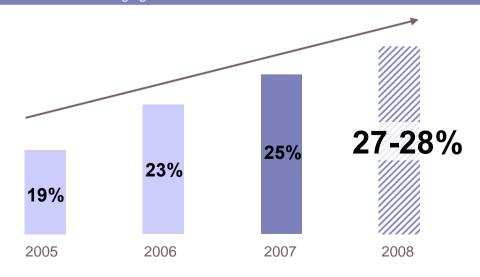
- About €350M of financial headroom immediately available
- After adjustment of 2007 net income for an exceptional €27 million non-cash gain on deferred taxes 1.
- 2. Dividend CAGR 1970-2002: +16%
- 3. Net debt / EBITDA: 2.5x (first-half year at the peak in terms of seasonality within the year)



48%

of sales in emerging markets made with leadership positions Robust margins in line with group average

#### Increasing contribution of emerging markets to sales Emerging-market sales as % of consolidated total



# **La legrand**

# Double-digit Rises in Sales on Fast-growing Segments Representing 20% of the Group Total

■ Wire-mesh cable tray



+21%

Energy efficiency



+17%(1)

■ VDI / Datacom



+13%

Power distribution



+8%(1)

## Robust track record for pricing

- +1.9% annual rise in sales price on average over the past 16 years
- No single decline even in low cycles over the past 20 years

## Active optimization of price management

- 45 pricing managers worldwide
- Monthly reporting of pricing developments
- Update of pricing lists at least twice a year

# Potential for Further Lasting Improvement in Cost Structure

**La legrand** 

# Strong cultural focus on productivity reinforced through private equity control

- Make or buy
- Lean manufacturing
- Site specialization
- 25 site closures
- Global purchasing productivity
- Optimization of logistics

Strong track record for restructuring in slowing markets

Restructuring pay-back

48%

increase in average annual restructuring charges for 2001-2003 compared to 1997-2007

1.5 years

on average

#### 2008 cost-cutting plan

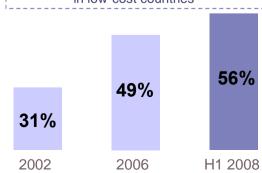
- Lowering SG&A costs
- Restructuring in slowing markets

#### Further opportunities

- Reaping the benefits of back- and front-office synergies from acquisitions
- Lasting optimization of cost structure in slowingmarket countries

## Leveraging newly acquired sites in emerging markets

% of production headcount in low-cost countries



# Agenda

- November 6, 2008: 2008 nine-month results
- February 11, 2009: 2008 annual results
- May 6, 2009: 2009 first-quarter results

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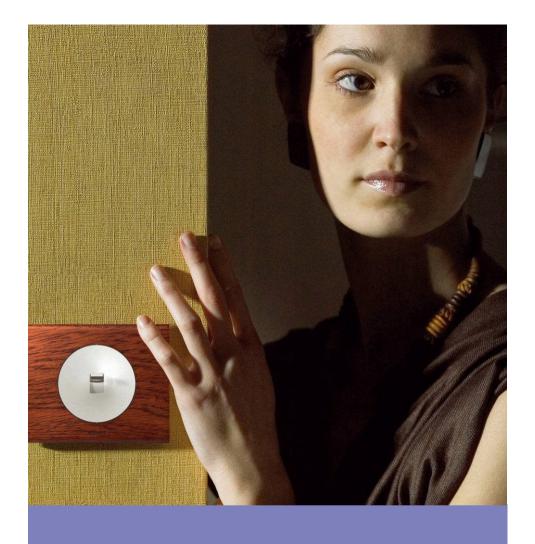
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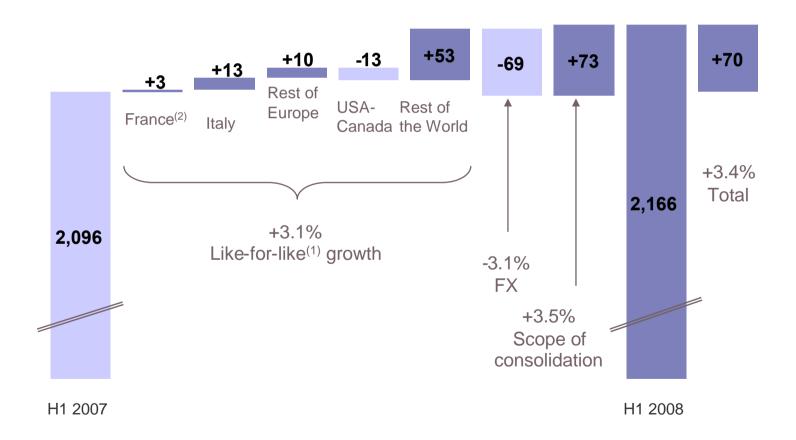
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## 2008 first-half net sales analysis (€M)



- Like-for-like: at constant scope of consolidation and exchange rates
- H1 2007 France net sales included €11M impact of the launch of new wiring-device ranges in France in Q1 2007

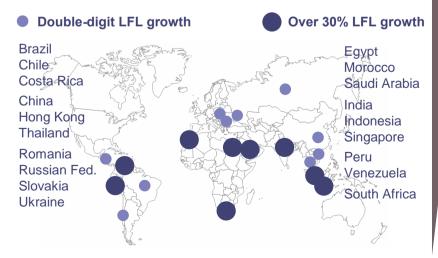
# Vigorous Growth Continues in Emerging Markets

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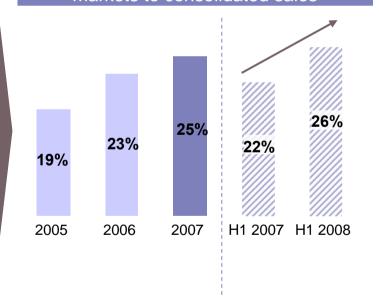
Strong performance in emerging markets in H1 2008

+14% like-for-like<sup>(1)</sup> growth

### Strong growth overall



Increasing contribution of emerging markets to consolidated sales



**Emerging** markets / Fast growing segments



- No. 1 for VDI / Datacom enclosures and cabinets in Turkey
- 2007 net sales: about €22M
- 120 employees





- No. 1 in Brazil for audio and video entry phones
- 2007 net sales: about €20M
- 300 employees



Commercial and industrial markets



- US specialist in ceiling cable-tray systems for commercial and industrial segments
- 2007 net sales: about \$32M
- 60 employees





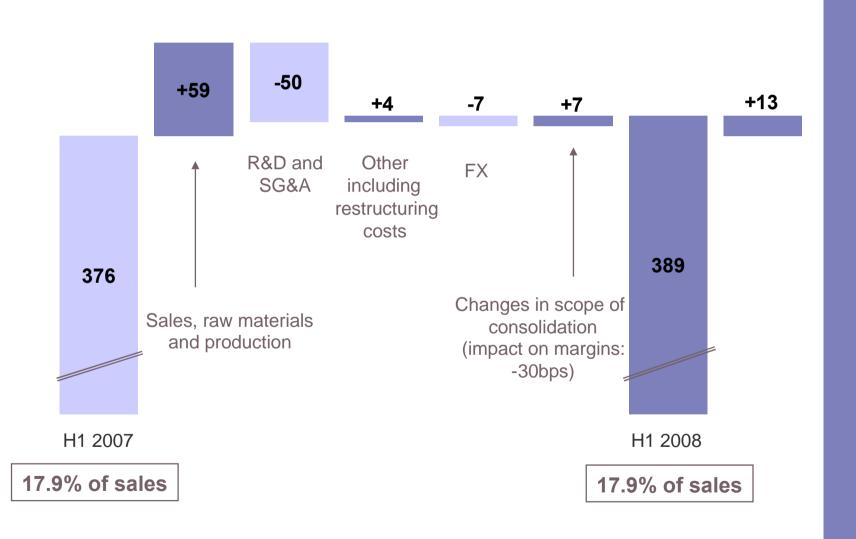


- UK leader in underfloor cable-tray systems for commercial and industrial applications
- 2007 net sales: about €20M
- 130 employees



In M€	H1 2007	H1 2008	% of Change
Net Sales	2,095.7	2,166.0	3.4%
Gross Profit	1,061.7	1,117.8	5.3%
As % of Sales	50.7%	51.6%	
Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup> Operating Income	375.8	388.7	3.4%
As % of Sales	17.9%	17.9%	
Accounting entries related to the acquisition of Legrand France	(31.3)	(25.1)	
Operating Income	344.5	363.6	5.5%
As % of Sales	16.4%	16.8%	
Net Financial Expenses	(53.1)	(57.1)	7.5%
Exchange Gains & Losses	8.4	32.5	
Income Tax Expense	(104.3)	(105.0)	
Net Profit Excluding Minorities	195.2	233.1	19.4%
Net Profit	196.1	234.0	19.3%

<sup>1.</sup> Figures restated for accounting entries with no cash impact relating to the acquisition of Legrand France in 2002



In M€	H1 2007	H1 2008	% of Change
Cash-flow From Operations <sup>(1)</sup> before Tax	393.0	411.3	4.7%
As % of Sales	18.8%	19.0%	
Tax Impact	(62.8)	(105.0)	
Cash-Flow From Operations <sup>(1)</sup>	330.2	306.3	-7.2%
As % of Sales	15.8%	14.1%	
Change in Working Capital Requirement	(128.2)	(160.9)	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	202.0	145.4	-28.0%
As % of Sales	9.6%	6.7%	
Capital Expenditures (including capitalized R&D)	(73.8)	(71.1)	
Net Proceeds from Sales of Fixed Assets	7.2	6.1	
Free Cash-flow	135.4	80.4	-40.6%
As % of Sales	6.5%	3.7%	

# Scope of Consolidation



2007	Q1	H1	9М	FY
Cemar	3 months	6 months	9 months	12 months
Shidean	3 months	6 months	9 months	12 months
Vantage	3 months	6 months	9 months	12 months
USTec	3 months	6 months	9 months	12 months
HPM	2 months	5 months	8 months	11 months
Kontaktor			Only on BS <sup>(1)</sup>	Only on BS <sup>(1)</sup>
Macse				Only on BS <sup>(1)</sup>
TCL Wuxi				Only on BS <sup>(1)</sup>
Alpes Technologies				Only on BS <sup>(1)</sup>

2008	Q1	H1	9М	FY
HPM	3 months	6 months	9 months	12 months
Kontaktor	3 months	6 months	9 months	12 months
Macse	3 months	6 months	9 months	12 months
TCL Wuxi	3 months	6 months	9 months	12 months
Alpes Technologies	3 months	6 months	9 months	12 months
PW Industries	2 months	5 months	8 months	11 months
Estap		3 months	6 months	9 months
HDL		3 months	6 months	9 months
Electrak		3 months	6 months	9 months

1. BS: Balance Sheet

(€M)	H1 2007	H1 2008	Total Change	Scope of Consolidation	Like-for-Like Growth	Currency Effect
France	529.1	533.1	0.8%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%
Italy	402.6	415.3	3.2%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%
Rest of Europe	446.8	482.7	8.0%	7.6%	2.1%	-1.7%
USA/Canada	319.9	274.4	-14.2%	3.1%	-4.1%	-13.2%
Rest of the World	397.3	460.5	15.9%	7.0%	12.8%	-4.0%
Total	2,095.7	2,166.0	3.4%	3.5%	3.1%	-3.1%

(€M)	H1 2007	H1 2008	Total Change	Scope of Consolidation	Like-for-Like Growth	Currency Effect
France	616.9	607.2	-1.6%	-3.6%	2.1%	0.0%
Italy	429.5	439.1	2.2%	-0.1%	2.3%	0.0%
Rest of Europe	408.1	451.1	10.5%	9.6%	2.8%	-1.9%
USA/Canada	326.8	278.5	-14.8%	2.2%	-4.0%	-13.2%
Rest of the World	314.4	390.1	24.1%	15.5% <sup>(3)</sup>	12.4%	-4.4%
Total	2,095.7	2,166.0	3.4%	3.5%	3.1%	-3.1%

- 1. Zone of origin of invoicing
- Essentially attributable to the launch at the end of 2007 of a subsidiary in Dubai, which is in charge of invoicing sales for most Middle East and East-African countries
- Attributable to the launch at the end of 2007 of a subsidiary in Dubai, which is in charge of invoicing sales for most Middle East and East-African countries, as well as to the consolidation of acquisitions

(€M)	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008
France	264.4	264.7	228.0	252.8	255.3	277.8
Italy	209.5	193.1	156.4	157.3	216.3	199.0
Rest of Europe	219.4	227.4	228.5	235.3	233.8	248.9
USA/Canada	155.1	164.8	164.0	140.1	134.1	140.3
Rest of the World	184.3	213.0	222.9	247.8	209.5	251.0
Total	1,032.7	1,063.0	999.8	1,033.3	1,049.0	1,117.0

1. Market where sales are recorded

(€M)	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008
France	306.0	310.9	276.8	309.5	293.3	313.9
Italy	223.5	206.0	170.9	168.6	226.5	212.6
Rest of Europe	198.7	209.4	205.9	215.8	218.3	232.8
USA/Canada	158.8	168.0	168.2	144.7	136.0	142.5
Rest of the World	145.7	168.7	178.0	194.7	174.9	215.2
Total	1,032.7	1,063.0	999.8	1,033.3	1,049.0	1,117.0

1. Zone of origin of invoicing

(€M)	Q1 2007	Q1 2008	Total Change	Scope of Consolidation	Like-for-Like Growth	Currency Effect
France	264.4	255.3	-3.4%	0.4%	-3.8%	0.0%
Italy	209.5	216.3	3.2%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%
Rest of Europe	219.4	233.8	6.6%	5.5%	2.2%	-1.2%
USA/Canada	155.1	134.1	-13.5%	2.4%	-3.4%	-12.6%
Rest of the World	184.3	209.5	13.7%	7.0%	9.5%	-3.0%
Total	1,032.7	1,049.0	1.6%	2.9%	1.4%	-2.6%

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(€M)	Q1 2007	Q1 2008	Total Change	Scope of Consolidation	Like-for-Like Growth	Currency Effect
France	306.0	293.3	-4.2%	-3.1% <sup>(2)</sup>	-1.1%	0.0%
Italy	223.5	226.5	1.3%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%
Rest of Europe	198.7	218.3	9.9%	7.3%	3.7%	-1.3%
USA/Canada	158.8	136.0	-14.4%	1.5%	-3.5%	-12.6%
Rest of the World	145.7	174.9	20.0%	15.2% <sup>(3)</sup>	7.7%	-3.3%
Total	1,032.7	1,049.0	1.6%	2.9%	1.4%	-2.6%

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# 2008 Second Quarter Net Sales by Destination<sup>(1)</sup>

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(€M)	Q2 2007	Q2 2008	Total Change	Scope of Consolidation	Like-for-Like Growth	Currency Effect
France	264.7	277.8	4.9%	0.1%	4.8%	0.0%
Italy	193.1	199.0	3.1%	0.0%	3.1%	0.0%
Rest of Europe	227.4	248.9	9.5%	9.5%	2.1%	-2.1%
USA/Canada	164.8	140.3	-14.9%	3.5%	-4.7%	-13.7%
Rest of the World	213.0	251.0	17.8%	7.0%	15.5%	-4.7%
Total	1,063.0	1,117.0	5.1%	4.1%	4.6%	-3.5%

1. Market where sales are recorded

(€M)	Q2 2007	Q2 2008	Total Change	Scope of Consolidation	Like-for-Like Growth	Currency Effect
France	310.9	313.9	1.0%	-4.0% <sup>(2)</sup>	5.2%	0.0%
Italy	206.0	212.6	3.2%	-0.2%	3.4%	0.0%
Rest of Europe	209.4	232.8	11.2%	11.7%	2.0%	-2.4%
USA/Canada	168.0	142.5	-15.2%	2.8%	-4.4%	-13.7%
Rest of the World	168.7	215.2	27.6%	15.7% <sup>(3)</sup>	16.5%	-5.3%
Total	1,063.0	1,117.0	5.1%	4.1%	4.6%	-3.5%

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In M€	Q1 2007	Q1 2008	% of Change
Net Sales	1,032.7	1,049.0	1.6%
Gross Profit	525.4	541.4	3.0%
As % of Sales	50.9%	51.6%	
Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup> Operating Income	185.1	187.6	1.4%
As % of Sales	17.9%	17.9%	
Accounting entries related to the acquisition of Legrand France	(15.7)	(12.6)	
Operating Income	169.4	175.0	3.3%
As % of Sales	16.4%	16.7%	
Net Financial Expenses	(28.5)	(29.2)	
Exchange Gains & Losses	3.1	25.5	
Income Tax Expense	(51.6)	(57.8)	
Net Profit Excluding Minorities	92.4	113.8	23.2%
Net Profit	92.9	114.1	22.8%

<sup>1.</sup> Figures restated for accounting entries with no cash impact relating to the acquisition of Legrand France in 2002

In M€	Q2 2007	Q2 2008	% of Change
Net Sales	1,063.0	1,117.0	5.1%
Gross Profit	536.3	576.4	7.5%
As % of Sales	50.5%	51.6%	
Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup> Operating Income	190.7	201.1	5.5%
As % of Sales	17.9%	18.0%	
Accounting entries related to the acquisition of Legrand France	(15.6)	(12.5)	
Operating Income	175.1	188.6	7.7%
As % of Sales	16.5%	16.9%	
Net Financial Expenses	(24.6)	(27.9)	
Exchange Gains & Losses	5.3	7.0	
Income Tax Expense	(52.7)	(47.2)	
Net Profit Excluding Minorities	102.8	119.3	16.1%
Net Profit	103.2	119.9	16.2%

<sup>1.</sup> Figures restated for accounting entries with no cash impact relating to the acquisition of Legrand France in 2002

# Reconciliation of Cash-Flow From Operations with Net Profit

IFRS, in M€	H1 2007	H1 2008
Net Profit	196.1	234.0
Depreciation & Amortization	109.4	104.6
Change in other non-current assets and liabilities and deferred tax	38.3	(13.5)
Share of loss/(profit) of associates	(0.6)	0.0
Exchange (gains)/losses net	(9.7)	(23.8)
(Gains)/losses on fixed asset disposals and sales of securities	(2.0)	1.0
Other Adjustments	(1.3)	4.0
Cash-Flow From Operations (1)	330.2	306.3
Tax Impact	62.8	105.0
Cash-flow From Operations (1) before Tax	411.3	

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